Influences on the Writing of Scripture

Suppose you are to write a biography of your principal, pastor, or neighbor. What kinds of information would you include in your book?

If the mother of that person were to write the biography, how would it be different from yours?

Suppose that two thousand years from now a person from another country (perhaps another planet!) tries to read the biography you wrote. Why would that person find it difficult? What knowledge would be needed to understand what you wrote?

As you begin your study of the New Testament, which was written in Greek some two thousand years ago, what knowledge would help you better understand it?