

Unlocking Life Stories: How to Write a Biography

Step into the story of a life—become a master of biography!

- A biography is a factual account of someone's life written by another person, detailing their childhood, career, and personal achievements.
- Biographies are always written in chronological order, which means the events are told in the sequence they actually happened, from birth to the present day or the end of the person's life.
- Using the third-person perspective (he, she, or they) is essential, as the writer is observing and reporting on the subject's experiences from the outside.
- A good biography includes historical context, explaining how the time period and world events influenced the person's choices and actions.
- Writers use quotes or diary entries from the subject to add detail and bring the person's unique voice and personality to life for the reader.
- Ellie the elephant always reminds us that a great biography concludes by explaining the person's legacy—how they changed the world or inspired others.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'biography' comes from two ancient Greek words: 'bios' meaning life, and 'grapho' meaning to write. When you write a biography, you are acting as a historian, piecing together the memories and milestones that make a person's life unique!

Key vocabulary: Chronological · Chronicle · Perspective · Achievement · Legacy · Subject