

Bio-Blast: The Biography Quiz with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify the key features, structure, and purpose of a biography.

Read each question carefully. Ellie the Elephant has a perfect memory for facts, so try your best to remember everything you know about non-fiction writing!

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. Subject, 4. A, 5. False, 6. Chronological, 7. C, 8. True, 9. Third-person, 10. D.

Word bank: Chronological · Facts · Third-person · Life story · Subject · Events · Paragraphs

1. 1. What is a biography? A) A made-up story about a dragon, B) A true account of someone's life*, C) A set of instructions for a game, D) A poem about nature. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A biography should include real facts about a person's life. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the special name for the person a biography is written about? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which order should the events in a biography usually follow? A) Chronological order*, B) Random order, C) Backwards order, D) Alphabetical order. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A biography is usually written in the first person (using 'I' and 'me'). (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: Biographies often start by describing the person's early life and _____. (1 mark)

7. 7. Which of these would you NOT expect to find in a biography? A) Dates and years, B) Important achievements, C) A recipe for magic potions*, D) Information about where the person lived. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Biographies are a type of non-fiction text. (1 mark)

9. 9. A biography is usually written from which perspective? (1 word) (1 mark)

10. 10. Why do authors write biographies? A) To trick the reader, B) To practice writing fiction, C) To teach the reader how to cook, D) To inform the reader about a person's life and impact*. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a cover page for a biography of a famous historical inventor. Include a title, a portrait of the person, and a sub-heading that tells us what they invented.



Extension challenge: Choose a family member or a famous historical figure and list three important 'life events' in chronological order that you would include in a biography about them.