

Unsung Heroes: A Biography Writing Frame

Learning objective: To research and write a biography about an influential person from Black history, using formal language and historical terminology.

Use this scaffold to organise your research. Think about why this person is important to history and what impact they made on the world. Use your word bank to help your sentences flow clearly.

Social Studies / History is shaped by remarkable individuals whose courage and vision have left an indelible mark on our world.

Word bank: Furthermore · Consequently · In addition to · Despite the challenges · A significant turning point · Legacy · Inspirational · Determined · Overcome · Advocate

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen and what is their primary claim to fame? Start with: 'The individual I have chosen to study is...' (2 marks)

2. Early Life: Where did they grow up and what were their early experiences like? Start with: 'Born in..., their childhood was influenced by...' (2 marks)

3. Challenges and Barriers: What difficulties did they face and how did they show resilience? Start with: 'Throughout their life, they encountered several obstacles, such as...' (3 marks)

4. Key Achievements: What were their greatest contributions or successes? Start with: 'A major milestone in their life occurred when...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion and Legacy: Why do we remember them today and how did they change the future? Start with: 'Ultimately, their lasting legacy is defined by...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a second person from a different era and create a Venn diagram comparing their achievements and the different obstacles they each had to overcome.