

Writing a Biography with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To structure a biography about a famous person using chronological order.

Follow these steps to write your biography. Use the sentence starters to help you write in the past tense. Remember to use capital letters for names and places.

In the heart of the great library, Ellie the Elephant is ready to help you write about a famous person from history.

Word bank: First of all · In the beginning · After that · Later on · Finally · When they were older · Because · However

1. Introduction: Who is the person you are writing about? Start by saying: The person I have chosen to write about is... (2 marks)

2. Early Life: Where and when were they born? Start by saying: They were born in [place] in the year... (2 marks)

3. Main Achievements: What did they do that made them famous? Start by saying: They are best known for... (2 marks)

4. Conclusion: Why do you think they are important today? Start by saying: I think this person is important because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add a 'Did you know?' box at the bottom of your page with one interesting fact about your person?