

Biography Bonanza with Pip the Bookworm

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

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of non-fiction writing to help Pip the Bookworm find the right answers!

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

Word bank: Chronological · Third-person · Fact · Subject · Past tense · Perspective

1. 1. What is a biography? A) A made-up story, B) A diary written by yourself, C) A true account of someone's life written by another person*, D) A recipe book. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A biography is usually written in the third person (using pronouns like he, she, or they). (1 mark)

3. 3. If you are writing about someone's life, which tense should you use most often: Past tense or Future tense? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which structure is most common in a biography? A) Chronological order*, B) Random order, C) Reverse order, D) Alphabetical order. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: It is okay to include your own made-up opinions about what the person was thinking in a biography. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the word used to describe the order of events from the beginning of a person's life to the end? (1 mark)

7. 7. What is the person who is the subject of the biography called? A) The Author, B) The Subject*, C) The Editor, D) The Narrator. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Biographies often include dates, locations, and real-life achievements. (1 mark)

9. 9. Why would an author include a photo or caption in a biography? A) To make it look pretty, B) To provide visual evidence and extra information*, C) To hide spelling mistakes, D) To take up space. (1 mark)

10. 10. Does a biography focus on fact or fiction? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the Bookworm reading a large, dusty book titled 'The Life of a Great Explorer'. Make sure the book looks like it has a timeline on the pages!



Extension challenge: Choose a famous historical figure you have studied in class. Write three chronological bullet points that could be used for the opening paragraph of their biography.