

Biography Builders: Word Mat for Young Historians

Learning objective: To identify and use sophisticated vocabulary and structural features required to write a compelling biography.

Key Vocabulary

Study the categories below to understand how biographies are constructed. Use the 'Structure' terms to organize your writing, the 'Chronology' terms to track time, and the 'Descriptive' terms to bring your subject to life.

Chronological Arranged in the order that ev...	Legacy The lasting impact or achievements ...	Anecdote A short, interesting, or amusing st...
Perspective The particular point of view from...	Accomplishment A significant task or goal t...	Influential Having a great effect on the deve...
Biographer The author who writes the life st...	Subject The specific person whom the biogr...	Timeline A visual representation of events s...
Era A long and distinct period of history with ...	Subsequent Coming after something in time;...	Primary source Evidence from the time, su...
Secondary source Information created later...	Objective Based on facts rather than person...	Tribute An act, statement, or gift that is inte...
Explain why a bi...	Compare and con...	Justify your ans... Why is it important to inc...
What might happ...	If you were writin...	Reflect on a pers...