

Celebrating Pioneers: A Biography Writing Frame

Learning objective: To structure a biographical report about an influential figure from Black history, using formal language and cohesive devices.

Use this scaffold to research and write a biography about a significant person. Start by choosing someone who has made a positive impact on history. Use the prompts below to guide your writing and remember to check your work for capital letters and full stops.

History is shaped by individuals whose courage and vision change the world for the better.

Word bank: Furthermore · Consequently · In addition · Subsequently · In spite of · Remarkably · A significant achievement · During this time · Leaving a lasting legacy

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen, and why is their story important to remember today? Start with: [Name of person] is a remarkable individual who... (2 marks)

2. Early Life: Where and when were they born? What was their childhood like? Start with: Born in [Place/Year], [Name] grew up in... (2 marks)

3. Key Achievements: What are the main things they accomplished? Start with: One of the most significant moments in [Name]'s life was when... (3 marks)

4. Overcoming Challenges: What obstacles did they face and how did they show resilience? Start with: Although they faced many difficulties, such as... (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: How do we remember them today and what is their lasting legacy? Start with: To conclude, [Name] is remembered as a hero because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a second person who worked alongside your first choice or in a similar field. Write a short paragraph comparing their achievements using the word 'whereas' or 'similarly'.