

Writing a Life Story: Biography Scaffold

Learning objective: To structure a biography using chronological order, formal language, and cohesive devices.

Follow the prompts below to write a biography about someone you admire. Use the word bank to help your writing flow, and ensure you include key facts about your subject's life.

Born in the quiet village of Oakhaven, Arthur Pringle was destined to change the way we look at the stars forever.

Word bank: Subsequently · Following this · Remarkably · During their childhood · A significant achievement · As a result · In addition · Eventually · Furthermore · Throughout their career

1. Introduction: Who is the person you are writing about, and why are they significant? Start with: [Name] is a remarkable individual known for... (2 marks)

2. Early Life: Where and when were they born, and what was their childhood like? Start with: Born in [Place] in [Year], their early life was defined by... (2 marks)

3. Key Achievements: What are the most important things they have done? Start with: A major turning point occurred when... (2 marks)

4. Later Life and Legacy: What are they doing now, or how are they remembered today? Start with: In later years, they continued to... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise their impact. Start with: Ultimately, [Name] will be remembered for... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Nova the Owl is curious about your subject! Add a 'Did You Know?' box to your biography containing three fascinating, specific facts about your chosen person that would surprise a reader.