

Biography Masterclass with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the key features and structure of a biographical text.

Read the front of each card to test your knowledge about biographies. Use Ellie the Elephant's tips to help you remember the definitions. Flip the card to check if you are right!

What is a biography?

A detailed account of a person's life written by someone else.

Which narrative perspective is used in a biography?

Third-person (using pronouns like he, she, or they).

What does 'chronological order' mean?

Presenting events in the order they happened, from the earliest to the latest.

Why is the past tense used in a biography?

Because the events described have already happened.

What is a 'subject' in a biography?

The person whom the biography is written about.

What is an anecdote?

A short, interesting, or funny story about a real person or event.

Should a biography contain opinions or facts?

Facts, although it may include quotes to show a person's character.

What is a 'legacy'?

The impact or long-lasting effect a person leaves behind after their life ends.

Why are sub-headings useful in a biography?

They help the reader find specific information about different parts of a person's life.

What are 'key events' in a biography?

The most important moments or turning points in the subject's life.