

Mastering the Art of Biography: Vocabulary Mat

Learning objective: To develop a sophisticated vocabulary for analysing and composing biographical accounts, focusing on chronological structure and the presentation of significant life events.

Key Vocabulary

Use this reference mat to enrich your biographical writing. Terms are grouped by their function: Structural Elements, Chronological Markers, and Character Evaluation.

Chronological Arranged in the order in which...	Legacy The lasting impact or reputation a person has...	Account A detailed report or description of events...
Anecdote A short, interesting, or amusing story...	Accomplishment A significant task or achievement...	Influential Having a great effect on the development...
Succession A number of events or people following one another...	Retrospective Looking back on or dealing with past events...	Perspective A particular attitude towards or way of regarding...
Context The circumstances or setting that form the background...	Formative Relating to a person's development or growth...	Milestone A significant stage or event in the history of...
Noteworthy Interesting, significant, or unusual...	Endeavour A sincere attempt or effort to achieve something...	Authentic Genuine, reliable, and based on facts...
Explain why it is ...	Compare and contrast ...	Justify your answer ... Does a 'noteworthy' life event...
What might happen ...	If you were writing ...	Critique the following ... 'A biography is only as good as the facts it contains ...