

Writing a Biography: The Life of a Remarkable Person

Learning objective: To structure a biography using chronological order, formal tone, and cohesive devices to inform the reader about an individual's life.

Follow this scaffold to draft a biography. Use the word bank to help your writing flow and ensure you focus on the key milestones of your chosen subject's life.

Born into humble beginnings in the heart of the countryside, little did the world know that this individual would one day become a trailblazer in their chosen field.

Word bank: Subsequently · Furthermore · In addition to this · Regarded as · A significant turning point occurred when · During this period · Leaving a lasting legacy · Concurrently · Ultimately · Renowned for

1. Introduction: Who is the subject of your biography, and what are they most famous for? Start by stating their name, birth date, and their primary achievement. (2 marks)

2. Early Life: Describe their childhood. What were their early interests, and what kind of environment did they grow up in? (2 marks)

3. The Turning Point: Explain why a specific moment or discovery changed the course of their life. Justify why this was a significant event. (3 marks)

4. Achievements: List their key contributions or successes. Compare and contrast their early work with their later accomplishments. (3 marks)

5. Challenges: Describe any obstacles they faced. How did they overcome these challenges? Explain why resilience was necessary for their success. (3 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise their impact on the world today. What might happen if this person had never pursued their goals? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Draft a 'Legacy Statement' for your subject. If you were a historian writing about them in 100 years, what final sentence would you use to define their importance to humanity? Justify your choice of vocabulary in your statement.