

Celebrating Pioneers: A Biography Writing Frame

Learning objective: To structure a biographical piece of writing about a significant figure in Black history, using formal language and cohesive devices.

Follow the structure below to write your biography. Ellie the elephant has reminded us that every person has a story worth remembering. Use the sentence starters to help you organise your research into clear paragraphs.

History is a vast tapestry woven from the lives of many, and among its most vibrant threads are the stories of individuals who changed the world through their courage and vision.

Word bank: Furthermore · Consequently · In addition · Overcoming obstacles · A significant milestone · Resilience · Enduring legacy · Subsequently · Despite the challenges · Notably

1. Introduction: Who is your chosen historical figure and why are they considered a pioneer? Begin with: 'The remarkable life of [Name] is a testament to...' (2 marks)

2. Early Life and Background: Where did they grow up and what shaped their childhood? Begin with: 'Born in [Place] during [Time period], [Name] experienced...' (2 marks)

3. Main Achievements: What were their greatest contributions to society? Begin with: 'Throughout their career, [Name] achieved many notable successes, most importantly...' (3 marks)

4. Overcoming Adversity: What challenges did they face and how did they respond? Begin with: 'Despite facing significant barriers, [Name] demonstrated incredible resilience by...' (3 marks)

5. Legacy and Conclusion: How do we remember them today? Begin with: 'Ultimately, the legacy of [Name] continues to inspire generations because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a quote spoken by your chosen figure. Include this quote in your biography and explain, in two sentences, why it remains relevant to the world today.