

Text Type

Biography

Purpose	To tell the life story of a famous person
Text Features	Written in the past or present tense (<i>was, did, had or is does, has</i>) Written in the third person (<i>he, she, they</i>)
Openers	To signal time and sequence. (<i>I was born in , I grew up with</i>)
Vocabulary	Significant, talented, gifted, famous, infamous, popular, respected, invented, discovered, ambitious, determined, unique, remembered
Connectives	Use of temporal (time) connectives: that afternoon; after a while; soon afterwards; the following day; eventually. then; next; secondly; after; finally; firstly

Structure of Text

Title	Subject in less than 8 words
Overview paragraph	Who, when, Where, Why - answer two or more in one sentence When and where they were born The time in which they lived (When) Profession/job
Early life events/ achievements	A paragraph about the person's childhood and early life. Explain how these influenced their later life.
Later life events/ achievements	A paragraph which describes the first important thing they did or made to make them famous. (What) State these in order. Note significance in the writing
Conclusion	State the impact of the person When and How did they die? (If relevant) Why was the person important? What impact did they have? What is their legacy, What will be left behind? Why/How will they be reminded?