

Answer the following questions:

RECALL

1. What is a biography?
2. Have you ever read a biography? What was it about?
3. Ask your parents what a biography is and compare their answers with your answer.

LO: WHAT IS A BIOGRAPHY AND WHY TO WRITE ONE?

Some will even know the role of each paragraph in a biography.

Some will identify different parts of a biography.

Most will know how biography is built.

All will know what a biography is.

GUIDED PRACTICE

This week, you will learn what a biography is and you will read different examples of biographies.

A biography is a text or a book that tells what has happened in someone's life, written by someone else.

Biographies are non-fiction texts because they tell what really happened to someone or what someone did.

Look at this BBC bitesize lesson about fiction and non-fiction.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z2yycdm/articles/zty8xfr>

INTELLIGENT PRACTICE

Answer the questions about biographies.



Why write a biography?

Who are biographies for?

What could you write a biography about?

Why are biographies important?

INTELLIGENT PRACTICE - ANSWERS



Why write a biography?

To share something interesting that has happened to someone you know or have heard of. This may be someone in your community.

Who are biographies for?

For the classroom or for the local history community outside of school. They can also be for the person you wrote it about.

What could you write a biography about?

About a person you want others to know about.

Why are biographies important?

Thanks to them, we can learn about lives of important people. The people we should remember or people whose lives can teach us a lot.

INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



Look at how a biography looks like. Put the parts of the biography in the correct order.

Explain what happened afterwards.

Write about their childhood.

End by saying why this person is special or important.

Introduce the person, place and time.

Write about their strongest memory or greatest achievement.

INTELLIGENT PRACTICE - ANSWERS



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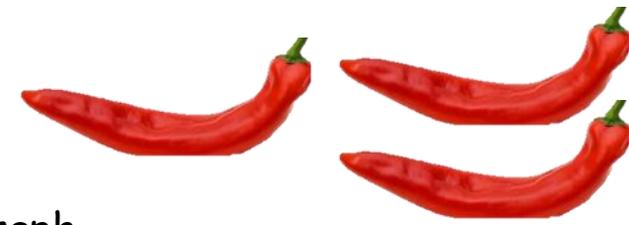
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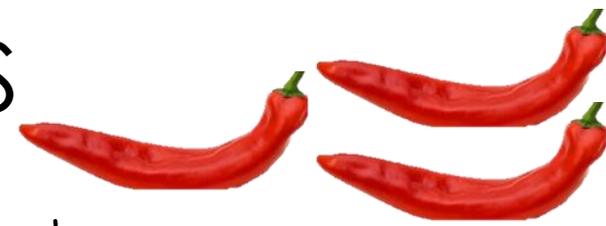
INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



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<p>There was a lot of racism in England at that time. Black people did not have the same chances as white people an it was hard for them to get good jobs. Frank stood up for equal rights for everyone.</p>	
<p>One day Frank decided that he would like to be a firefighter. However, he found out that black men could not become firefighters because other people thought they were not strong or clever enough. This made Frank really angry and he decided to prove them wrong.</p>	
<p>He managed to persuade the fire brigade to give him a trial and this is what he said happened: "I saved another fire-fighter's life when he fainted while we were on the fifth floor of a ladder-drill session. I brought him down to the ground in a fireman's lift. The guy's weight was 16 stone and he was six feet tall!"</p>	
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