

Answer the following questions:

RECALL

1. Why do we write biographies?
2. What are biographies about?
3. What is the most important part of a biography?

LO: HOW TO WRITE A GOOD BIOGRAPHY

Some will even write what other things they would include in the biography.

Some will answer questions about author's intentions and techniques.

Most will answer questions about the biography.

All will summarise a biography.

GUIDED PRACTICE

Today you will read an *example* of a biography and answer some questions about it.

INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



Read the biography and summarise it.

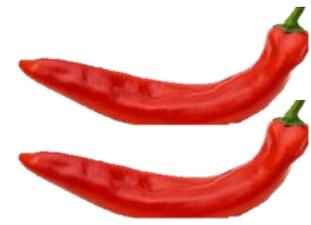
Frank Arthur Bailey was born in Guyana in 1925. He was poor as a child and wanted to emigrate to England when he gets older. He came to live in London in 1953, eight years after end of the Second World War.

There was a lot of racism in England at that time. Black people did not have the same chances as white people and it was hard for them to get good jobs. Frank stood up for equal rights for everyone. 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.

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!"

So Frank got the job! He was the first black firefighter in London and possibly the first in Britain. Frank was a firefighter for then years. He then became a social worker and went on working to help young black people. He had a long and happy life, and died just after his 90th birthday. Frank was our neighbour and I admired him because he never gave up fighting racism. I am proud I knew him because he really made a difference and made the world a better place.

INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



Read the biography and answer the questions about the biography.

Why was it difficult for Frank to get a firefighter's job?

What is the diamond moment of this biography?

What was Frank's greatest achievement?

Do you think Frank was strong? Explain your answer.

Why do you think Frank made the world a better place?

INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



Read the biography and answer the questions about how this biography was written.

What did you like about this biography?

What ideas did it give you for your biography?

Why did the author write so little about Frank's childhood?

Why do you think the author made his paragraphs short?

The author uses an exclamation mark in two sentences. Why does he/she do it?

DIVE DEEPER

What other things would you add to this biography? What changes would you make?