

English

Tuesday 27th January 2021

Objective: To write the introduction of a biography.

Success Criteria

1. I can give my biography a title.
2. I can write an introduction explaining why the person is special.
3. I can include the 5 Ws in my introduction.
 - who they are
 - what they have done
 - why they are famous/inspirational
 - where they are from/did their famous thing
 - when they did the famous thing

Starter: Relative clauses - which pronoun?

1. My sister, _____ is eleven, went swimming.
2. I sat on the chair, _____ was tiny.
3. The grass, _____ had just been cut, smelled lovely.
4. Simon, _____ had just been shopping, couldn't find his wallet.

which?

who?

that?

Writing the introduction to a biography

Think about the example biography we looked at last week about Mae Jemison.

Think about...

What does the introduction need to include?

Why is the introduction important?

The introduction is very important because it **hooks the reader in** and makes them want to **continue reading**.

The 5 Ws:

- Who the person is
- What they did that makes them famous
- When they did the famous thing/were born
- Where they live/are from/did their famous thing
- Why they are inspirational

An example introduction

- On the next slide you can see my notes about Michelle Obama and my introduction to her biography.
- You can see that I haven't used any other information except the 5 Ws.
- It is quite short and answers each of the 5 Ws.

Michelle Obama

- born 17 Jan 1964 - age 55
- First Lady of USA 2009 - 2017
- husband is Barack Obama
- from Chicago
- middle name - LaVaughn
- parents - Fraser and Marian Robinson
- went to Princeton University - lawyer
- faced racism and gender discrimination growing up
- campaigned for healthy eating, ^{for children,} education for girls, military families and equal rights.
- "Don't be afraid. Be focused. Be determined. Be hopeful. Empower yourself." - quote from MO.

Michelle Obama: More than just First Lady

Michelle Obama, who was born on 17th January 1964, is a lady from Chicago. Notably, she was the First Lady of the United States of America from 2009 until 2017. Michelle Obama is inspirational because she campaigned for education for girls and healthy eating for children in schools.

Can you find the 5 Ws?

Your task

Write the introduction of your biography.

1 star

Focus on writing **5** simple sentences, one for each of the **5 Ws**.

There is an attached support sheet to help with this.

2 star

Aim to include the following:

- A relative clause
- A fronted adverbial with a comma

There is one of each of these in my example!

3 star

Aim to include the following:

- A relative clause
- A fronted adverbial with a comma
- A modal verb
- Two especially imaginative or powerful words

Plenary: proof-reading

Proof-reading means checking for mistakes.

Look at your paragraph.

Are there any words that you think might be wrong? Look them up in a dictionary or online to check.

Have you used a full stop at the end of all sentences? And a capital letter at the start?