



Monday

Learning Question:

How can I write a biography about Gregory?

Success Criteria:

- Understand what a biography is.
- Identify key features of a biography
- Plan a biography about a character in Gregory cool
- Write a biography
- Edit and publish

Vocabulary

- Biography
- Title
- Introduction
- Conclusion
- Quote
- Past tense
- Third Person
- Chronological Order
- Topic Sentence

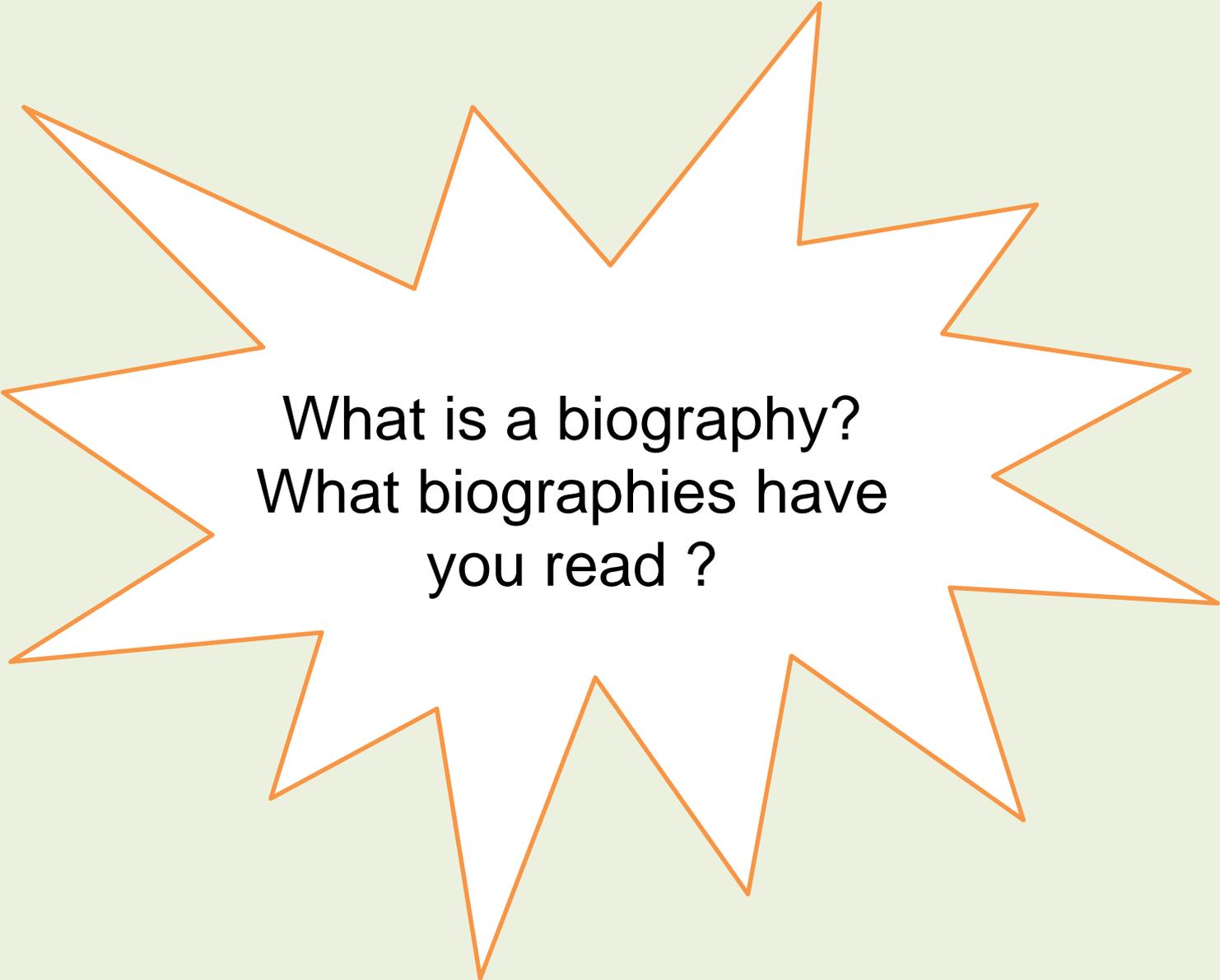


Personal Target: What are you going to focus on today?

Your target is...

- **To identify key features of a biography**





What is a biography?
What biographies have
you read ?

What is a biography?

What is a Biography?

- The word biography comes from two Greek words.
- **'Bio'** meaning 'life'.
- **'Graphy'** meaning 'I write'.
- A biography is simply the story of a life from the perspective of the person or character.
- Very short biographies tell the basic facts of someone's life, including key events in their lives
- Biographies inform people of the things that happened in their life and how they felt about them.

Your tasks today:

Read the biography:

1. Identify as many features as you can
2. Write a checklist for what you must include in your own biography
3. Can you improve any aspect of the biography you have read?

Spot the features

Roald Dahl

Introduction

Roald Dahl was born in Wales on 13th September 1916 to Norwegian parents. His father died when he was 3 years old and he had been raised by his mother. He had a fairly unhappy time at boarding school which provided some of the inspiration for his later stories.

After leaving school he had worked for the Shell Oil Company based in Africa until the outbreak of World War II, when he had signed up with the Royal Air Force. Unfortunately, he was injured in action and eventually returned home as an invalid. He had then been sent to Washington DC to work as an attaché where, almost by accident, he had started his writing career. When he was interviewed for an article about his time in action he offered to write about his experiences. His piece was published in the Saturday Evening Post, who signed him up to write more articles.

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Topic sentence in each paragraph
Time prepositions
Conclusion
Past tense
Third Person
Formal Style
Chronological Order
Dates to show when events happened
Conjunctions e.g. when, soon,
Clear paragraphs – organised information
Names of people and names of places visited
Topic words (technical vocabulary)
Accurate descriptions using adjectives

Roald Dahl and his first book

In 1943 he wrote his first children's book, *The Gremlins*, which was originally intended to be made into an animated film by Walt Disney. The film was not made and instead Dahl turned to writing adult fiction, not writing another children's story until the 1960s.

By this time he was a father himself and had started making up stories to entertain his own children. From this came the stories of *James and the Giant Peach* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He went on to write 21 children's books including *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*, *The BFG*, *Matilda*, and *The Witches*, all of which have been made into films. Roald Dahl is famous for his quotes about reading, "If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books!"

Roald Dahl died on 23rd November 1990

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What are the key features of a biography?

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