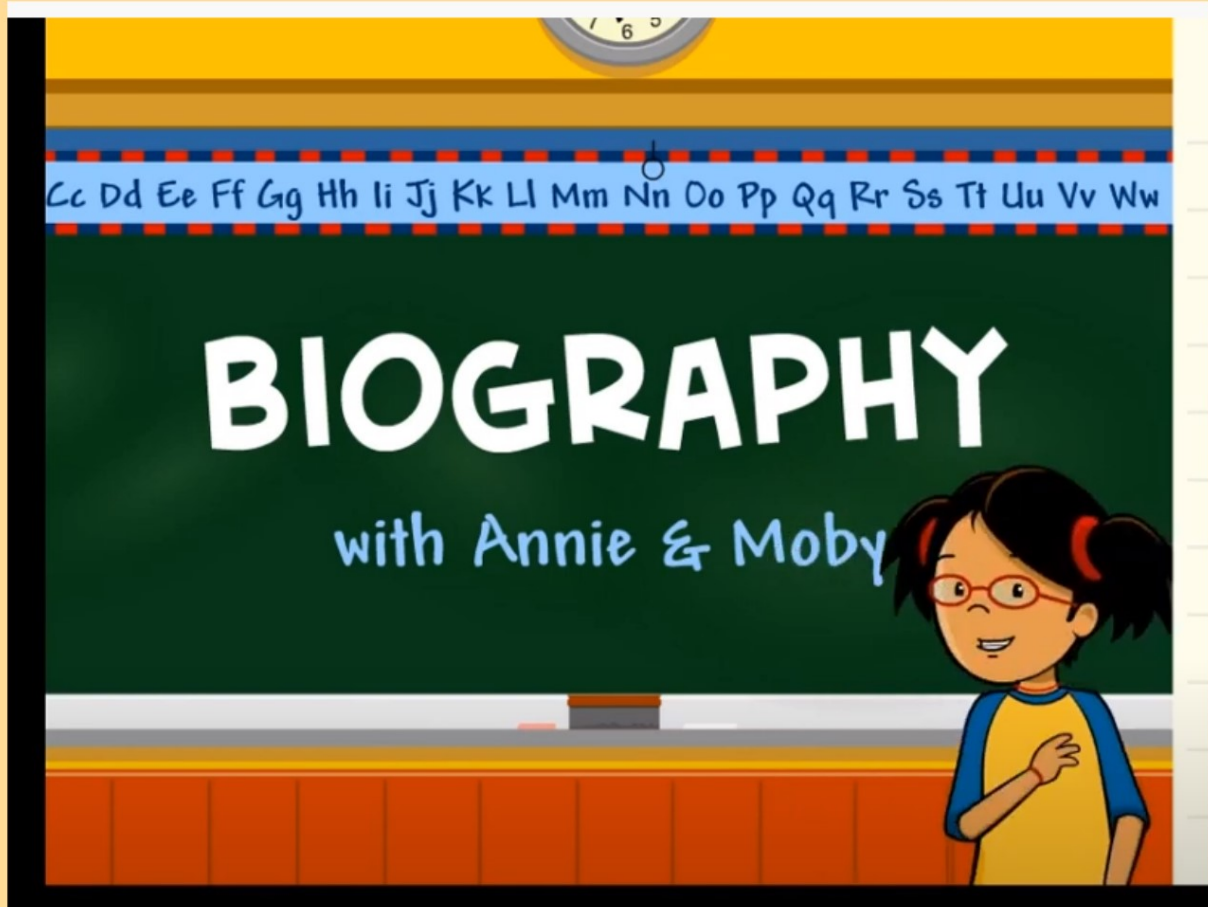


Monday

WALT: Understand what a biography
is

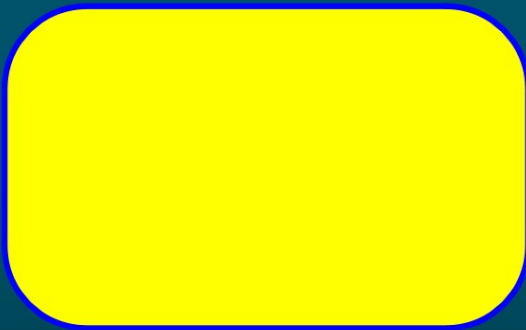


Brain pop video



Test your knowledge / understanding of the video

biography



What is a
biography?


Answer

biography

**a book that
tells about
a person's life**

What is a
biography?

Are biographies Fiction or non-fiction?




What is a biography?

Biographies are so they tell about real people and describe events that really happened.

The image is a cartoon illustration of a young girl with black hair in pigtails, wearing red-rimmed glasses and a blue and yellow shirt. She is smiling. To her right is a notepad with the question 'What is a biography?'. Below the notepad is a black bar with white text that reads 'Biographies are so they tell about real people and describe events that really happened.'

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Answers

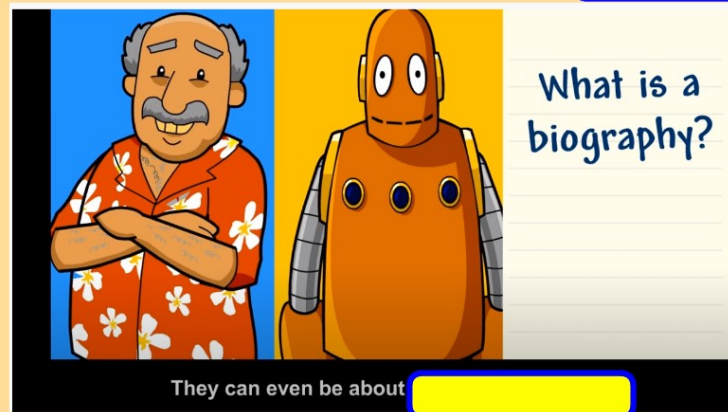
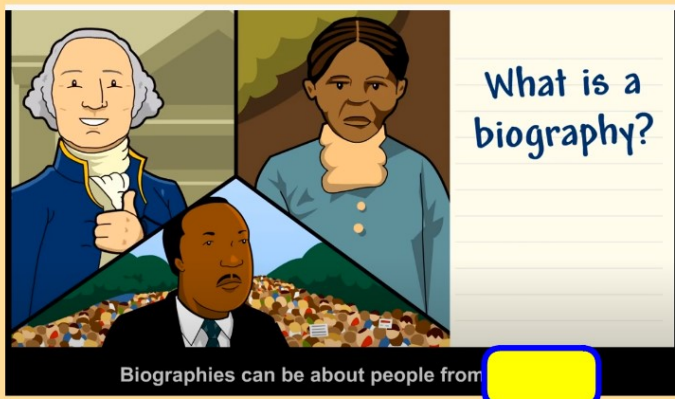


What is a biography?

Biographies are nonfiction, so they tell about real people and describe events that really happened.

A red circle highlights the word "nonfiction" in the definition, and a red arrow points to it from the bottom left.

Who are biographies written about?



Answers



What type of questions do you need to ask?



How do
you start
writing a
biography?

Well, first, think of questions you have
about the person.

Wilma Rudolph:

was Wilma Rudolph?

did she grow up?

did she run in the Olympics?

is she important?

did she do?

Answers



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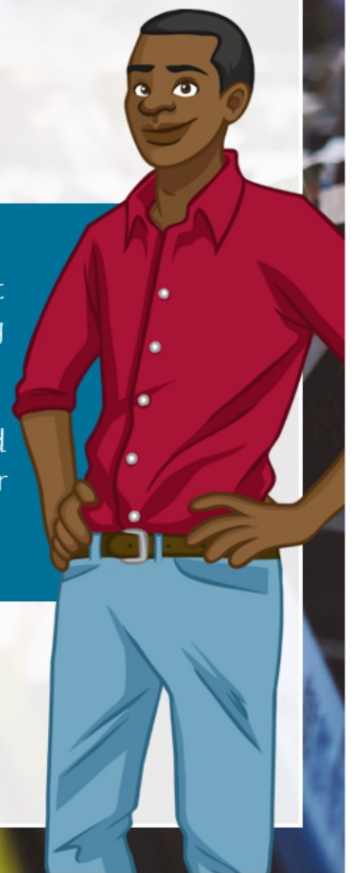
Why is she important?

What did she do?

Biographies



A biography gives facts about a person's life. It is not written by the subject of the book but by an author who has done their research and knows a great deal about that person. Biographies are written in the third person and can be written about someone who is no longer alive.



Other Important Features of a Biography

A biography is a life story written in chronological order.

It can include information about when and where the subject was born, their childhood, important events in their lives including information about what they did or achieved.

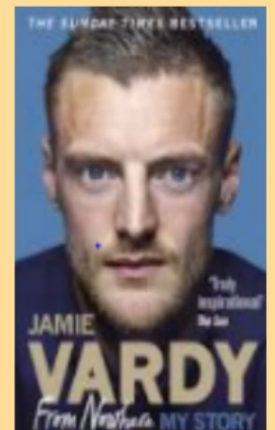
If the person is no longer alive, it may include information about when and how they died.

The biography may also include direct quotes from the subject or quotes from others about the subject.



Here are some examples of biographies, written as a book.


Maybe you recognise some of them?




Here is an example of a biography.

1. Read them both so that you understand what a biography looks and sounds like.


2. Find and highlight the following information answering the questions in full sentences as you go.

 **Who** is the biography about?

 Where did this person go to college?

 **When** did he move to California?

 Why did he join the army?

 What was the last book he wrote before he died?

 **How** did 'The cat in the Hat' captivate millions of children?

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Instead, he was put in charge of the sales in the city's largest department store. Often he would take the children to the store and Theodore would bring along his alphabet. With the encouragement of his mother, he filled the walls of his room with his own drawings, which he made up himself about his father's work in the store.

Theodore went to college at Harvard, where he made his closest friends and worked exclusively on the school's humor magazine. Whenever they talked, Lincoln, Theodore and his friends would jokingly say, "Oh, the places you've got." The people went to know in the second world war planned the world war cartoons. Theodore joined the army as a part of Tank Corps, carrying letters making sure. They were content with raising the spirits of the troops and of the people making tank units.

The war ended and Theodore moved to California. After finishing two more American kids were struggling to learn how to read. Theodore wanted to help. He knew the books they used in schools would be boring and he wanted to create something that his children would actually read.

The result was the first cat which Theodore published under the name Dr. Seuss. The book is a rhyme rhyming tale that captured millions of children, teaching them how to read, while making them feel about learning at the same time.

Under the name Dr. Seuss, Theodore went on to write many books that introduced kids to the world of reading, including Green Eggs and Ham, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, and The Cat in the Hat.

By the time the Cat was the last book he wrote before he died, eight months after he died with his eight kids and parents everywhere.

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Who

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I Do



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Who

DR SEUSS

(1904-1991)

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Theodor went to college at Dartmouth, where he made his closest friends and worked tirelessly on the school's humour magazine. Whenever they shook hands, Theodor and his friends would jokingly say, 'Oh, the places you'll go! The people you'll meet!'

As the Second World War plunged the world into darkness, Theodor joined the army as part of Frank Capra's wartime film-making unit. They were tasked with raising the spirits of the troops and of the people waiting back home.

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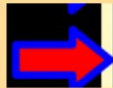
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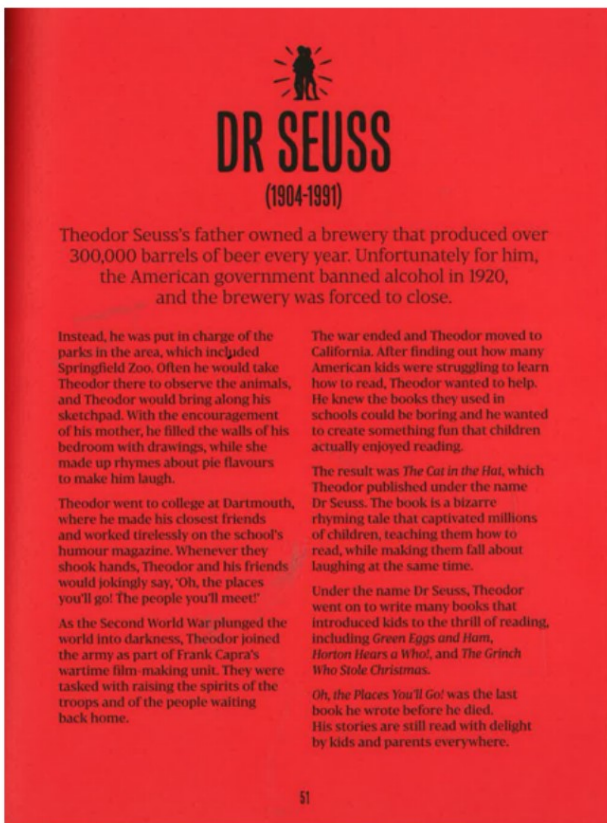
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(Teacher example)



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(Independent)

You Do It Alone



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Answers

Find and highlight the following information:

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Where Dr. Seuss went to college in Dartmouth.

When He moved to California when the Second World War ended.

Why He joined the army because the Second World War started.

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