

Features of a Biography

Purpose:

To give an account of someone's life



Structure:

- ✍ Opening statement introduces the subject, and explains why he/she is known
- ✍ Significant events are ordered chronologically
- ✍ Closing statement explains how this person will be remembered, and sometimes gives the writer's opinion

Language Features:

- ✍ Refers to named individuals
- ✍ Contains dates linked to specific events
- ✍ Written in the past tense
- ✍ Can include direct and indirect speech and quotes from other sources
- ✍ Written in 3rd person
- ✍ Includes time connectives to link ideas
- ✍ Events are anecdotal in style (rather than lists of facts), and engage the reader

