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LO: To know the features of a biography.

Today, we are going to explore the main features of a biography to make sure we know how to create a good one. You will need the example of J.K Rowling's we looked at yesterday to refer to.

If you look at J.K Rowling's biography, you will see that her name is at the top in huge writing. This is important so we know who it is all about.

The first sentence of a biography should be interesting/ exciting so that it hooks the reader in. A good way to do this could be to use a question or an exclamative sentence. The first paragraph should also summarise the person's life and explain what they are most known for.

There is also a box at the top right that contains all the key facts about the person. Their full name, date of birth, place of birth and occupation (job).

You will notice that the biography is written in past tense and third person. This is because their life is in the past and you weren't there. The text should be professional as it's about someone else's life so you should be saying 'J.K Rowling, she/her'.

Each paragraph should be separated into different events/ achievements. You could have one paragraph about their early life, one paragraph about their inspirations, one paragraph about their personality. It's completely up to you. The example hasn't used sub-headings but you could if you wanted to.

Today, I would like you to create a poster or list about the features of a biography in your books. Make it in whatever way you want, as long as it helps you to remember how to write a biography. Be as creative as you like. You can draw little pictures to help you.

It should contain these key features:

- Person's name as a title.
- Box containing key facts.
- Interesting opening statement to hook the reader.
- Summary of the main events of the person's life in the first paragraph.
- Past tense.
- Third person.
- Separate paragraphs for different information.
- Mentions key events in life.
- Mentions key influences in life.
- Mentions their main achievements in life.
- Mentions their personality.