

Biography Lesson Sequence

Lesson 1 - What is a biography?

Whole class: Use What is a Biography? Powerpoint. Discuss.

Task: To write a biography of a classmate. Write questions based on the templates Biography 5W plan or Biography Organiser 1. Interview classmate. Use dot points in the Organiser.

Lesson 2 - Looking at a good sample of a biography.

Whole class: Read Biography Sample (Roger Llama). Discuss biography features.

Task: Write a draft of biography of classmate, using dot points made in previous lesson. Refer to Biography Sample for guidance. Edit and proofread.

Lesson 3 - Looking at a good sample of a biography

Whole class: Find another sample of a biography that is appropriate to the class and read through. Discuss features.

Task: Completing/publishing classmate biography. Illustrate with portrait of classmate. Share with classmates.

Lesson 4 - Biography Project introduction

Whole class: Read Biography Project – student rubric. Introduce Biography Research Template for students to use. Give each student a copy. They can also use Biography 5W Plan, Biography Organiser 1 or Biography Organiser 2. Give time frame for project.

Task: Select person to write biography on. Begin research. Use biography organisers.

Lesson 5 onwards - Biography Project

Working independently on biography project. Students to refer to rubric frequently and aim for highest expectations.

Final Lesson

Students present their biographies to the class in whatever format they have chosen.

Teacher assesses biographies using Biography Project – teacher assessment.

Students complete self-assessment at the base of their rubric worksheet. Teacher completes 'Book Report Teacher Assessment.docx'.