



Writing – Biographies

Biographies analyse and interpret the events of a person's life. For this homework task, your child will need to use research, gather and organise information to answer the following questions about a person that they are interested in writing about. There will be no need to write the actual biography this week, as that will be a homework task for weeks 9 and 10.

Encourage your child to use multiple sources and to paraphrase and summarise the information (rather than copying it).

The Questions:

- What is the person's name?
- What makes them special or interesting?
- When and where were they born?
- What events shaped or changed their life?
- What effect did he have on the world/on people?
- What obstacles did they overcome?
- What else do you find interesting about the person?

Stay tuned for the homework tasks in a fortnight's time, as we will be scaffolding how to write a biography using this information.

Mathematics – Problem Solving

Cubic conundrum: <https://nrich.maths.org/899>

Face painting: <https://nrich.maths.org/523>

Tiles on a patio: <https://nrich.maths.org/35>

Inquiry: Passion Project

A Passion Project is when you investigate a topic of interest and present it in a particular way. Firstly, you will need to decide what the topic will be. The possibilities are endless for this. Some ideas to get you thinking are a favourite sport, a video game, an event from history, a hobby or an animal of interest.

Next comes research. As your child is passionate about the topic, they probably know quite a bit about it. Encourage them to discover new learning to include in their project. Also, discuss the need to use credible sources when researching from the internet and of course the need to be eSmart. Paraphrasing and summarising will also be important skills to draw upon for this phase of the project.

Finally, support your child to decide how they would like to present their information/learning. Some ideas are:

- Poster
- Non-fiction book
- PowerPoint/keynote
- Podcast
- Scratch animation
- Video

Encourage your child to bring their project to school to share with their teacher and peers.