

English

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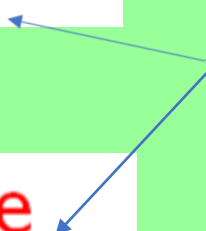
In this unit we will use these Key Writing Skills:

➤ Use **brackets** and **commas** for parenthesis.

➤ Use **cohesive** devices to link events.

➤ Use **techniques** to engage the reader.

Today, we will focus on these key skills.



Biographical Writing

Success Criteria:

Opening sentence which hooks the reader;

Opening paragraph to briefly summarise the person's life;

Recount key events in chronological order;

Cohesive devices showing passing of time;

Written in third person;

Written in past tense.

Fact or Opinion?

- Today, you will include opinion alongside your facts in the final paragraphs.
- We can do this by:
 1. Using adjectives and superlatives e.g. greatest
 2. Including quotes.

Explore how to use fact and opinion on BBC Bitesize, click below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zs44jxs/articles/z3wgqh>
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Write about the final paragraphs for your Darwin biography...

Please watch Miss Terrell's tutorial videos, where she models how to write the final paragraphs of the biography.

Miss Terrell's model for Mary Anning

Career and Main Achievements

L.O. To write a biography using techniques to engage the reader.

Finish to the end of this section, then proofread, edit and improve.

Major discoveries
and achievements

During the December of 1823, Mary made a great discovery. She had discovered a complete skeleton of a Plesiosaur (a giant sea reptile) – the first of its kind to be found in the world. At first it was believed to be a fake, as scientists argued that its head was too tiny for such a large creature. However, after much examination George Cuvier, a French naturalist and zoologist, declared the skeleton to be: “The most amazing creature ever discovered.” This made Mary famous around the world, and people travelled from far and wide to meet her.

Cohesive device
for time

Brackets Dash

Commas for parenthesis

Quote

What others said

Following years

In the years to follow, more major discoveries were made by Mary, making her one of the greatest fossil hunters of her time.

Passive voice

Miss Terrell's final paragraph model...

Success Criteria for Concluding Paragraphs

Sum up the person's character.

State their importance and how they will be remembered.

Include fact and opinion.

After a short illness in 1847, Mary Anning died at the age of 48 in her beloved Lyme Regis. Although she was not given the recognition she deserved whilst she was alive, Mary is remembered today for her important discoveries, and how these shaped our understanding of how living things have gradually evolved over millions of years. In 2010, the Royal Society recognised her as one of the ten most influential British women in the development of Science. Today, you can still visit the fossil museum dedicated to her in Lyme Regis. In short, Mary Anning truly was the greatest fossil hunter that ever lived.

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Fact

Importance & legacy

Fact & opinion

Final opinion

Include a quote to finish...

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"The theory of evolution is quite rightly called the greatest unifying theory in biology."

ERNST MAYR (A LEADING EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGIST)

"But if, before you die, you want to understand why you lived in the first place, Darwinism is the one subject that you must study."

JOHN MAYNARD SMITH (BRITISH EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGIST)

"IT IS NOT THE STRONGEST OF THE SPECIES THAT SURVIVES, NOR THE MOST INTELLIGENT THAT SURVIVES. IT IS THE ONE THAT IS THE MOST ADAPTABLE TO CHANGE."

CHARLES DARWIN



Along with William Shakespeare and Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin is Britain's greatest gift to the world. He was our greatest thinker.

— Richard Dawkins —

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