

BIOGRAPHY

A biography is the story of someone's life. Usually, the person is famous or infamous!

A biography tells the story of a life from the beginning and gives information in a logical order.

TASK – Look at the topics below and put them in the right order.

Fame / achievements

Conclusion

Death

Introduction

Early life - childhood

Family / marriage / children

Birth - year / country

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Read the presentation of a biography about Vincent Van Gogh. Put it in the logical order.

Vincent Van Gogh's life was tragic and he didn't live to see his fame. I talked about Van Gogh because I love his art. I became more interested in him because I live in Brixton and saw the blue plaque on his house. I didn't know we had lived in the same town.

Van Gogh did more than 2,000 paintings, drawings and sketches. He had bad health and he suffered from mental illness. Vincent was in a hospital for his problems in 1890 when he painted **The Starry Night**. This became one of the most expensive paintings in the world and sold for \$100,000,000.

Vincent van Gogh was born on 30th March 1853 in Zundert, Netherlands on March 30, 1853. He had two brothers and three sisters. Vincent's father was a church Minister.

Vincent left London and moved to Paris. When Vincent was twenty-seven, he decided to become an artist. One of his most famous early paintings was **The Potato Eaters**. It was a dark and sad painting of a poor family eating potatoes for their dinner.

I am going to talk about a famous artist called Vincent van Gogh.

Vincent only sold one painting in his life time. He didn't marry or have any children. His mental health problems got worse and he cut his ear off in 1988. Vincent shot himself in 1890 when he was thirty-seven years old.

Vincent moved to London when he was twenty years old. He lived in Hackford Road in Brixton. He fell in love with his landlady's daughter but she did not love him. This was probably the start of Vincent's mental health problems.

BIOGRAPHY - BUILDING A CHARACTER

You are going to give a class presentation about a person you admire. The headings below are there to give you ideas. Remember to use past tense if needed.

Introduce your person

I am going to talk about.....

Born - year and place / childhood

Early life

Marriage / children / career

Fame / achievements

Conclusion / say why you chose this person / what they mean to you and others