




Features of a Biography

Purpose:








To give an account of someone's life



Structure:

-  Opening statement introduces the subject, and explains why he/she is known
-  Significant events are ordered chronologically
-  Closing statement explains how this person will be remembered, and sometimes gives the writer's opinion

Language Features:

-  Refers to named individuals
-  Contains dates linked to specific events
-  Written in the past tense
-  Can include direct and indirect speech and quotes from other sources
-  Written in 3rd person
-  Includes time connectives to link ideas
-  Events are anecdotal in style (rather than lists of facts), and engage the reader



