

Monday 25th January 2021

L.C. Can you answer questions about a
biography?

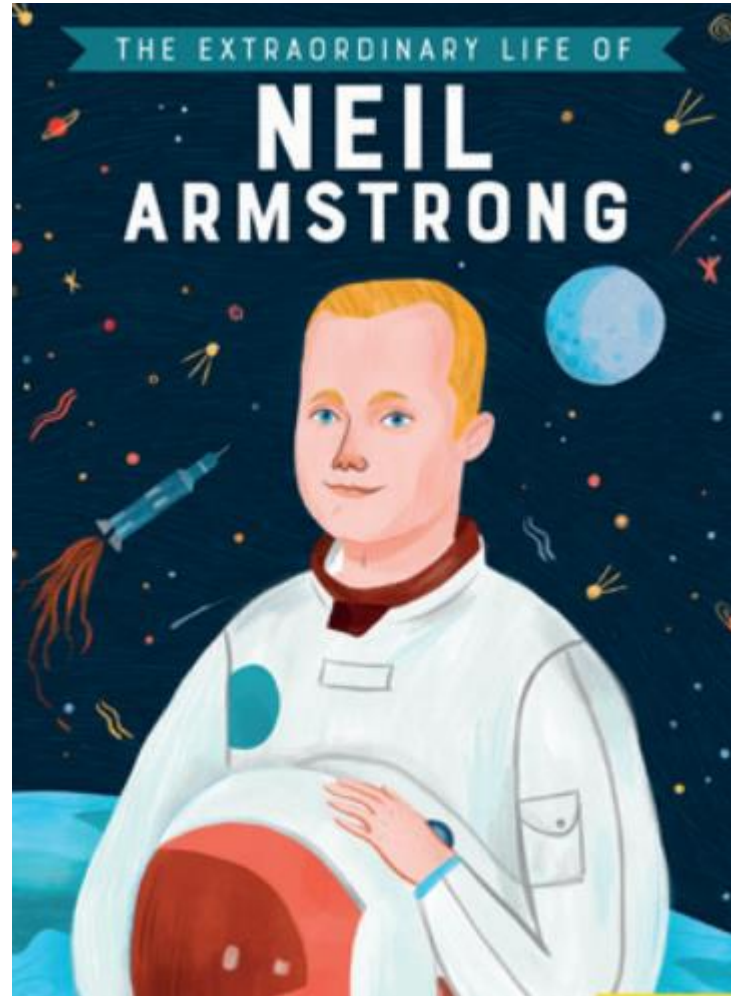
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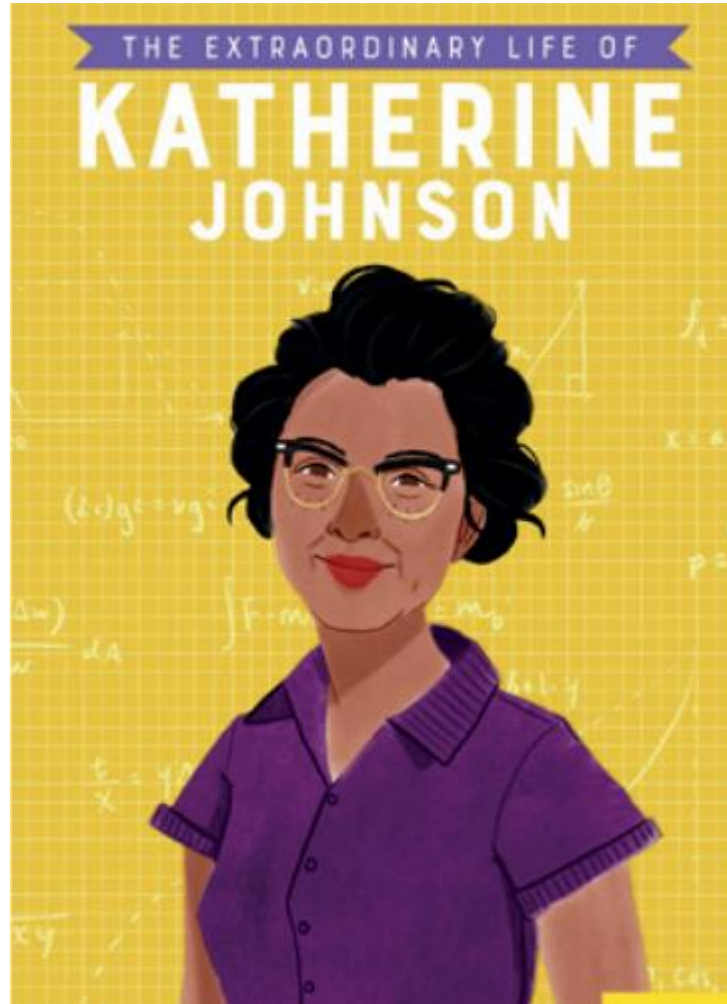
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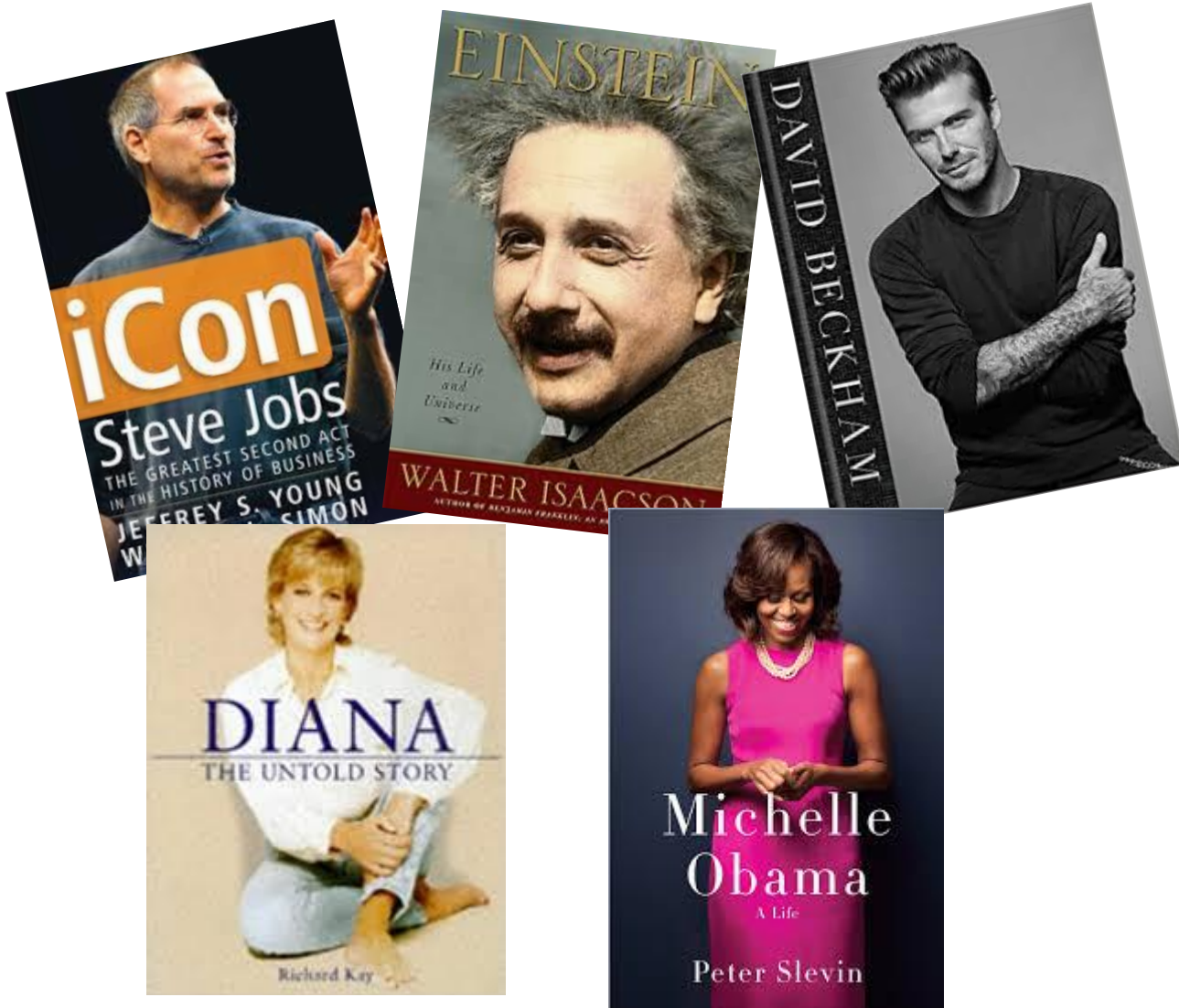
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What is a biography?



- Who writes a biography?
- Who could a biography be about?
- How is it different from an autobiography?

Early life and childhood

Mary Berry was born on May 12th 1953 in Somerset, England, which she credits with contributing to her love of cooking because of her family's huge and well equipped kitchen. Before attending the prestigious sports school of Milfield, she grew up with her parents and brother: Jonathan, Lucy and Steven. Originally, her mother taught Mary the many skills that have led to her daughter's success, although her mother Lucy claims she is still the better cook! Interestingly, Mary enjoyed sports, history and more obviously, cooking. Throughout and in conjunction with her career at the BBC, Mary is now a multi-millionaire with a successful empire of cookery books, television shows and sales of her cooking equipment.

- What do you notice about this extract?
- What is the biography doing for the reader?
- Do you immediately notice any features of the writing?
- Is this similar to any other text types we have studied?

Use the text to answer the question:

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- Where was Mary born?
- Which feature of her family home helped develop her love of cooking?

Use the text to answer the question:

At the age of 15, Bolt took part in the 2002 World Junior Championships in Kingston, Jamaica, where he won the 200-metre race. This made him the youngest world-junior gold medallist ever.

In 2005 Bolt got a new coach, Glenn Mills. This was the year he also reached the world Top 5 rankings. However he was prevented from further success by a recurring hamstring injury.

Then, in 2007 Bolt got his big chance. He broke the Jamaican 200-metre record and earned two silver medals at the World Championship in Osaka, Japan. Bolt decided he really could achieve success as a sprinter and began to take his career more seriously. He qualified for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China and went on to win gold in both the 100 and 200 metre events - even breaking a world record in the 100metre final, winning in 9.69 seconds! Bolt achieved a third gold medal in Beijing as part of the Jamaican relay team.

- Why did Usain Bolt not achieve more in 2005?
- How many gold medals did he win at the 2008 Olympic games?

Use the text to answer the question:

That same month, Smith felt it was necessary to tell the world he was gay. "*In the Lonely Hour* is about a guy that I fell in love with last year, and he didn't love me back. ... I was in a very dark place."

That 'dark place' has taken Smith to some very exciting, rewarding arenas. At the 2015 Grammy Awards, Smith took four awards: Best New Artist, Best Pop Vocal Album, Record of the Year and Song of the Year ("Stay With Me"). His world-wide success has made him a familiar name and face across the globe.

Smith continued to keep busy in 2015, releasing a re-recorded version of "Lay Me Down" as a duet with soul singer/songwriter John Legend. The track went to No. 1 in the UK charts while raising money for the charity, Comic Relief.

- How did his success affect people around the world?
- How do we know that 2014 had been a busy year too?

Your Task

As in previous weeks, there are 3 levels of reading comprehension to choose from – complete the one that you feel confident with working on independently...but try to push yourself if possible!

Remember to answer in full sentences where needed.



If you want to know more...

- Myon has lots of different biographies that you can access at home.
- Take a look at some of the famous people are included in their collection and broaden your reading horizons further!
- Come back to share what you have read to encourage others to do so too!