

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: YEAR 2 – Biographies/fact files

PURPOSE: **To Inform**
To give information on *a person's life*

To summarise facts succinctly

To research/know facts about a person

What should I already know before writing a biography?

- I know how to use a title and sub-headings
- I know how to organise information
- I can write simple sentences

Important Vocabulary

Term	Examples/Definition
Title	This will tell the reader what they will be reading about
Sub-heading	A title for each section of information
Third person	<i>He, she, they</i>
Past tense	<i>She was trying to ensure everyone understood the need for equal rights.</i>
Conjunctions	and, so, but, because, or <i>He was heroic but humble at the same time.</i>

Know how to improve my own and my partner's writing focusing on sentences, grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and spelling:

1. Work with a partner or adult.
2. Partner A and Partner B read each other's fact files with intonation and explain how to improve each other's work.
3. Use a green pen to make changes

WAGOLL (what a good one looks like)

Who Was Martin Luther King Junior?

FACT FILE

Name: Martin Luther King Junior
Date of birth: 15th January 1929
Place of birth: United States of America
Job: Minister
Date of death: 4th April 1968

Campaigns
Martin Luther King Junior believed that black people should be equal to white people. He saw that black people were not treated well. He tried to change this and make America better. He led protests and asked other black people to support him.

Family
Martin Luther King Junior had a wife called Coretta Scott King. Martin and Coretta had two daughters and two sons.

Did you know?
Did you know that one of Martin Luther King Junior's most famous quotes is "I have a dream"?

Fact file checklist...

Fact file (biographical) checklist:

Title 	
Sub-headings <u>Important details</u> <u>Family</u>	
Pictures 	
Information is factual 	
Written in the past tense <u>was were</u>	
Third person <u>he, she they</u>	
Did you know? fact 	

Where else might I see biographies/fact files?

- newspapers
- magazines
- newsletters

