



YEAR 5 – BIOGRAPHY Knowledge Organiser



Key skills:

- Summarising/note-taking

Key features of the text type:

- Third person
- Chronological order
- Formal
- Specific facts/events
- Past tense

Layout/ organisation:

Introduction to summarise who the person is/why they are significant

Paragraphs for each key event/ time-period

Conclusion summing up their achievements and legacy (the long-lasting impact of their lives)

- Interesting facts
- Subheadings
- Photos/captions
- Quotes

What is a biography?

- An account of someone's life told by another person.

bio (life) graph (to write)

Grammar features:

- Adverbials of time

As a child, In 1975, After they had moved to London,

- Relative clauses

The star, who was born in Mississippi, was the...

- Subordinating conjunctions

despite, although, as, once, after, since, when following,

- Conjunctive adverbs

nonetheless, however, additionally, moreover

- Parenthesis

Vocabulary:

icon(ic) significant flamboyant successful remembered for musician legendary entertaining famous memorable unique innovative extraordinary talented superstar

Elvis Presley – King of Rock and Roll

Elvis Presley, one of the biggest stars the world has ever seen, was best known for being the founder of Rock-and-Roll. He also starred in over 30 movies and was worshipped by fans from around the globe. Despite having passed away over 40 years ago, Elvis' unique style and memorable performances on stage have meant that he is remembered as the undisputed King of Rock-and-Roll to this day.

Elvis Aaron Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi on January 8, 1935. The only child of Vernon and Gladys Presley, his family was poor and his father had a tough time holding down a job. For a while, Elvis and his mom lived with his grandmother while his father spent 8 months in prison. Growing up, Elvis was shy and very close to his mother.

At a young age, people noticed that Elvis had an excellent singing voice. Aged 10, he gave his first public singing performance and got his first guitar that year. Elvis loved playing the guitar and carried it with him wherever he went, even to school. He never received formal singing or guitar lessons and never learned to read music. He just watched other people play and learned songs by ear (listening to them).

Elvis' style of music and performance was unique, a combination of country and gospel music. He danced around on stage shaking his hips, which shocked many people at the time. When he went on TV, he was usually asked not to dance or was filmed from the waist up. Teenagers, however, loved Elvis' music and dancing. They had never seen anything like it before.

Elvis Presley died of heart failure on August 16, 1977.