

# Biography

# English Knowledge Organiser

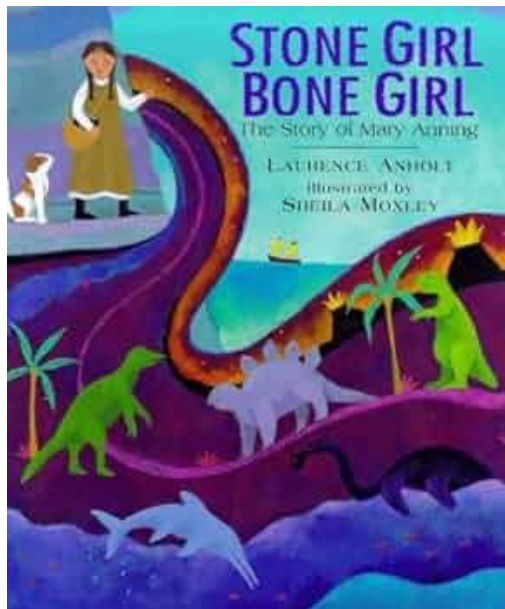


ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY	
<b>pioneer</b>	a person or group that explores new areas of thought.
<b>trailblazer</b>	
<b>innovator</b>	to introduce something new.
<b>influential</b>	to have an effect on others
<b>legacy</b>	what a person is remembered for.
<b>fossil</b>	the remains of an animal preserved in rock.

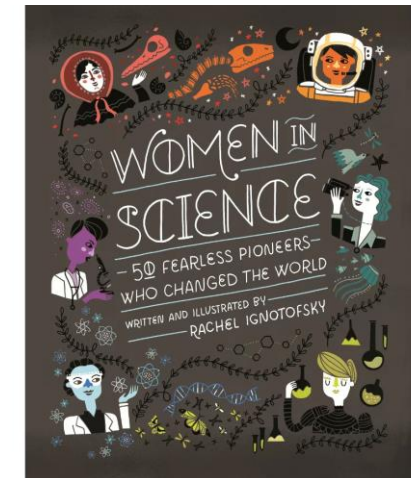
Final Outcome
A biography of a famous woman scientist.

Informal verb phrases	Formal verb phrases
went to (school/college/university)	attended (school/college/university)
wanted to be	aspired to be
thought about	considered
worked hard	persevered
didn't give up	showed resilience

Features of a biography
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key events written in chronological order to show what happened and when</li> <li>• Headings and subheadings and paragraphs break information into easier chunks.</li> <li>• Relative clauses to include extra information.</li> <li>• Brackets or commas for parenthesis to include extra information or explanation.</li> <li>• Written in third person as it is talking about someone other than the reader or author.</li> </ul>



Text Example
<p><u>Maggie's early childhood and education</u></p> <p>Maggie was born 9th March 1968 in London. She lived in London throughout her childhood and attended La Sainte Union Convent School. When Maggie was eight years old, she was diagnosed with dyslexia (a difficulty with learning how to read and write). This did not deter her from being highly ambitious as she aspired to be an astronaut after watching 'The Clangers' on television when she was three years old.</p> <p><u>Beginning of Maggie's career</u></p> <p>Maggie has contributed to many high-profile and complex projects within the defence and space fields. Throughout her career, this trailblazing scientist has also shared her passion for the stars and space with over 25 000 children. She established her own company to enable her to speak to children about how and why she became a scientist. Through these opportunities, Maggie regularly challenges perceptions about the gender and class of those working in the space sector to inspire the next generation to consider a career in science.</p>



Sentence Openers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During her childhood</li> <li>• Throughout this period</li> <li>• From that moment</li> <li>• While she was growing up</li> <li>• During this time</li> </ul>