

Wednesday 3rd March

LO: Biography

Punctuation Starter

Add commas to these sentences to make the meaning clearer.

1. White people who were a small part of the population were in charge of everything in South Africa.
2. Mr Mandela who died in 2013 aged 95 was South Africa's first black president.
3. After spending 27 years in jail he was not bitter.

Writing a biography

- Today you are going to use your notes from yesterday to help you write a biography of Nelson Mandela.
- Try to include all the different features shown below.
- Engage your reader by picking out the most interesting parts of his life and use carefully chosen vocabulary to describe them.
- Show that you can use a range of punctuation accurately.
- Use the subheadings from your plan to make the writing clear for the reader
- When you have finished, edit your work by checking you have used all the features in the list below.

Title to engage the reader	
An introduction that summarises the main events of the person's life	
Information about key events in the person's life in chronological paragraphs with sub-headings	
Specific facts about achievements, influences and significant people	
Verbs written in past tense	
Third person	
Their feelings about different points and events in their life	
Quotes from the person themselves or other key people in their life	
A conclusion about how they are remembered	
Vocabulary choices which engage the reader	
A range of punctuation used accurately A . , () - ! ? " " " ; :	