

# GR 3 Schoolwide Unit 3 (Biography)

Content Area: **English Language Arts**  
Course(s):  
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## Unit Overview

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Unit Title: Nonfiction: Biography

Essential Question: What is the purpose and structure of biography?

## Standards

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ELA.L.WF.3.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of encoding and spelling.
ELA.L.WF.3.2.B	Use digital or print tools such as a dictionary or thesaurus to check spellings of unknown words.
ELA.L.WF.3.3	Demonstrate command of the conventions of writing including those listed under grade two foundational skills.
ELA.L.WF.3.3.A	Improve communication of meaning by replacing weak verbs with stronger ones, and common nouns with precise nouns.
ELA.L.WF.3.3.B	Capitalize appropriate words in titles.
ELA.L.WF.3.3.C	Choose and maintain consistency of tense, writing nouns and verbs that agree in tense.
ELA.L.WF.3.3.E	Use appropriate pronouns with clear referents.
ELA.L.WF.3.3.F	Use periods, question marks, exclamation points, commas, apostrophes, and quotation marks appropriately. (e.g., commas and quotation marks in dialogue, and commas in addresses).
ELA.L.WF.3.3.G	Combine simple sentences into compound sentences, using conjunctions and, but, or, yet, and so.
ELA.L.WF.3.3.H	Paraphrase a main idea or event in order to vary sentence structure and word use.
ELA.L.WF.3.3.I	Organize ideas into paragraphs with main ideas and supporting details.
ELA.L.KL.3.1	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
ELA.L.KL.3.1.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases.
ELA.L.KL.3.1.B	Choose words and phrases for effect.
ELA.L.VL.3.2	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning academic and domain-specific words and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
ELA.L.VL.3.2.A	Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
ELA.L.VL.3.2.D	Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.
ELA.L.VI.3.3	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in

word meanings.

ELA.L.VI.3.3.A	Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., take steps).
ELA.L.VI.3.3.B	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).
ELA.L.VI.3.3.C	Distinguish shades of meaning among related words that describe states of mind or degrees of certainty (e.g., knew, believed, suspected, heard, wondered).
ELA.W.AW.3.1	Write opinion texts to present an idea with reasons and information.
ELA.W.AW.3.1.A	Introduce an opinion clearly.
ELA.W.AW.3.1.B	Support the opinion with facts, definitions, reasons text evidence, or other information and examples related to the topic.
ELA.W.AW.3.1.C	Link ideas within sections of information using transition words and phrases (e.g., then, because, also, therefore, since, for example) to connect opinion and reasons.
ELA.W.IW.3.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
ELA.W.IW.3.2.A	Introduce a topic clearly.
ELA.W.IW.3.2.B	Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and concrete details, text evidence, or other information and examples related to the topic.
ELA.W.IW.3.2.C	Include text features (e.g.: illustrations, diagrams, captions) when useful to support comprehension.
ELA.W.IW.3.2.D	Link ideas within sections of information using transition words and phrases (e.g., then, because, also, another, therefore).
ELA.W.IW.3.2.E	Provide a conclusion related to the information or explanation presented.
ELA.W.NW.3.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events with basic story elements.
ELA.W.NW.3.3.A	Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; clearly organize an event sequence.
ELA.W.NW.3.3.B	Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
ELA.W.NW.3.3.C	Use transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.
ELA.W.NW.3.3.D	Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events.
ELA.W.NW.3.3.E	Provide a conclusion or sense of closure that follows the narrated experiences or events.
ELA.W.WP.3.4	With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.
ELA.W.WP.3.4.A	Identify audience, purpose, and intended length of composition before writing.
ELA.W.WP.3.4.B	Consider writing as a process, including self-evaluation, revision and editing.
ELA.W.WP.3.4.C	With adult and peer feedback, and digital or print tools such as a dictionary, thesaurus, and/or spell checker, find and correct errors and improve word choice.
ELA.W.WR.3.5	Generate questions about a topic and independently locate related information from at least two reference sources (print and non-print) to obtain information on that topic.
ELA.W.SE.3.6	Use discussion, books, or media resources to gather ideas, outline them, and prioritize the information to include while planning to write about a topic.
ELA.W.RW.3.7	Engage in independent and task-based writing for both short and extended periods of time, producing written work routinely.
ELA.SL.PE.3.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and

	teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.A	Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.B	Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.C	Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.D	Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.
ELA.SL.II.3.2	Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
ELA.SL.ES.3.3	Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.
ELA.SL.PI.3.4	Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.
ELA.SL.UM.3.5	Use multimedia to demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details.
ELA.SL.AS.3.6	Speak in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.

## **Materials/Activities/Resources**

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### **Core materials:**

- Schoolwide Writing

### **Web Site Resources:**

- Schoolwide Writing
- Lexia
- Amira (K-3)

## **Technology**

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- Screencastify
- Full list on district teacher page
- YouTube videos of mentor texts readings

## **Assessment**

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## **Formative Assessment**

- Teacher Observation
- Peer Editing
- Shared Writing
- Writer's Notebook
- Graphic Organizers / Student Forms
- Daily Lesson Checks and Correct & Redirect Opportunities in the Teacher's Guide
- Student Performance Checklist

## **Summative Assessment**

- Process Pieces
- Schoolwide Rubrics
- Student Publishing
- Student Self-Reflection

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

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### **Special Education**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **504**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **ELL**

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/pull out support with ESL teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

## **At-Risk of Failure**

- Additional time during intervention time
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

## **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- PEP/GEM class

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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Social Studies Connections: Influential and Historical Subjects

## **Social and Emotional Learning Connections**

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Learning Mindset: Self-Reflection, Curiosity, Grit, Seeking Challenges, Purpose

## **21st Century Life Literacies & Key Skills**

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Financial Health

Financial Landscape

Money Management

Career Awareness and Planning

Creativity and Innovation

Critical Thinking and Problem-solving

Digital Citizenship

Global and Cultural Awareness

Information and Media Literacy

Technology Literacy

## **Career Ready Practices**

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- CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
- CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
- CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
- CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.