

# GR 5 Schoolwide Unit 2 (Biography)

Content Area: **English Language Arts**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Marking Period 2**  
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## Unit Overview

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Unit Title: Nonfiction: Biography

Essential Question: What are the purposes and features of biographies?

## Standards

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### Language Domain

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ELA.L.WF.5.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of writing, including those listed under grade four foundational skills.
ELA.L.WF.5.2.A	Avoid fragments, run-ons and rambling sentences, and comma splices.
ELA.L.WF.5.2.B	Maintain consistency in verb tense; place phrases and clauses; choose between adjectives and adverbs.
ELA.L.WF.5.2.C	Ensure agreement between subject and verb and between pronoun and antecedent.
ELA.L.WF.5.2.F	Use punctuation to separate items in a series; use commas in a series of phrases or clauses.
ELA.L.WF.5.2.G	Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence; use a comma to set off the words yes and no (e.g., Yes, thank you), to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., It's true, isn't it?), and to indicate direct address (e.g., Is that you, Emma?).
ELA.L.WF.5.2.H	Spell grade appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
ELA.L.KL.5.1	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
ELA.L.KL.5.1.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases.
ELA.L.KL.5.1.B	Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
ELA.L.VL.5.2	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning academic and domain-specific words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
ELA.L.VL.5.2.A	Use context (e.g., cause/effect relationships and comparisons in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
ELA.L.VL.5.2.B	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., photograph, photosynthesis).

ELA.L.VI.5.3	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
ELA.L.VI.5.3.A	Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.
ELA.L.VI.5.3.B	Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.

## Writing Domain

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ELA.W.IW.5.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
ELA.W.IW.5.2.B	Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
ELA.W.IW.5.2.C	Link ideas within paragraphs and sections of information using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., in contrast, especially).
ELA.W.IW.5.2.D	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
ELA.W.IW.5.2.E	Provide a conclusion related to the information of explanation presented.
ELA.W.NW.5.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
ELA.W.NW.5.3.A	Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.
ELA.W.NW.5.3.B	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
ELA.W.NW.5.3.C	Use a variety of transitional words, phrases, and clauses to manage the sequence of events.
ELA.W.NW.5.3.D	Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.
ELA.W.WP.5.4.A	Consider audience, purpose, and intent before writing.
ELA.W.WP.5.4.C	Consider writing as a process, including self-evaluation, revision and editing.
ELA.W.WP.5.4.D	With adult and peer feedback, and digital or print tools such as a dictionary, thesaurus, and/or spell checker, evaluate whether the writing achieved its goal and make changes in content or form as necessary.
ELA.W.WP.5.4.E	After initial drafting, expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, audience, and style.
ELA.W.WR.5.5	Establish a central idea about a topic, investigation, issue or event and use several sources to support the proposed central idea.
ELA.W.SE.5.6	Gather relevant information from multiple valid and reliable print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, making note of any similarities and differences among ideas presented; and provide a list of sources.
ELA.W.RW.5.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

## Speaking and Listening

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ELA.SL.PE.5.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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ELA.SL.PE.5.1.A	Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
ELA.SL.PE.5.1.B	Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
ELA.SL.PE.5.1.C	Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others.
ELA.SL.PE.5.1.D	Review the key ideas expressed and draw conclusions in light of information and knowledge gained from the discussions.
ELA.SL.II.5.2	Summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, and orally).
ELA.SL.ES.5.3	Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence.
ELA.SL.PI.5.4	Report on a topic or text or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically and using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
ELA.SL.UM.5.5	Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.
ELA.SL.AS.5.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, using formal English when appropriate to task and situation.

## **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

- Questions read aloud
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

### **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- PEP/GEM class

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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Social Studies Connections: Important People

## **Social and Emotional Learning Connections**

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Learning Mindset: Self-Reflection, Problem Solving, Seeking Challenges, Purpose, Grit, Wonder

## **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

Standards in Action: Climate Change

## **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.