



Year 6 English Graduate Award Scheme

What is a biography?

A biography is a piece of non-fiction writing all about a person and their life. It is written about them by somebody else. If the person writes it themselves, it is called an autobiography.

A biography includes lots of information about the person's life and their achievements.

Key elements to include in a biography are:

- date and place of birth (and death, if applicable)
- current location of residence.
- educational background.
- professional experience.
- area of expertise.
- major achievements

Who is JK Rowling?

Joanne Rowling was born on 31st July 1965 in Yate, Gloucestershire. As a child, Rowling loved reading and writing fantasy stories which she would share with her younger sister.

She then became a British author, the creator of the popular and critically acclaimed Harry Potter series, about a young sorcerer in training.

After graduating from the University of Exeter in 1986, Rowling began working for Amnesty International in London, where she started to write the Harry Potter adventures. In the early 1990s she travelled to Portugal to teach English as a foreign language, but, after a brief marriage and the birth of her daughter, she returned to the United Kingdom, settling in Edinburgh. Living on public assistance between stints as a French teacher, she continued to write.

The first book in the Harry Potter series Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone (1997) was released under the name J.K. Rowling, she used J.K as her publisher recommended a gender- neutral pen name. The book was an immediate success, appealing to both children and adults. The book featured vivid descriptions and an imaginative story line. It followed the adventures of the unlikely hero Harry Potter. A lonely orphan who discovered he is actually a wizard and enrolls in the Hogwarts school of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The series of books received numerous awards and went on to become worldwide famous films loved by all.

Find out more about JK Rowling here: [Home - J.K. Rowling \(jkrowling.com\)](http://jkrowling.com)



What has she written?

Harry Potter series

Beadle the Bard

Fantastic Beasts series

Element 1

Find and read a book that JK Rowling has written that is not part of the Harry Potter series. Write a book review of the book you have chosen.

Make a quiz all about JK Rowling. You could use Forms through you Teams account to present this.

Example questions

1. When and where was JK Rowling born?
2. Who were JK Rowlings parents?
3. Who is Robert Galbraith?

Element 2

Using what you now know about the author, write a biography about them.

Use these headings: Names. Growing up. Books written. Inspiration. Special Facts. Major achievements. Favourite book (include a description and why we should read it)