

**BIOGRAPHY Questions**

**Before/At Beginning of Reading**

This is a biography. What makes it different from a story?

**During Reading**

**Locate information**

What is a word the writer uses to describe \_\_\_\_? (person or place)

**Locate, then Analyze Information**

What did you learn about the place in this paragraph/part of the story?  
 What did you learn about the person's life in this paragraph?  
*What information tells you that?*

**Infer from Context**

What does this word mean?  
*Why do you think that?*

**Rephrase statements**

What is another way to say \_\_\_\_\_?  
 (sentence in biography)

**Cause-Effect**

What is something important that happened during this person's life?  
 What caused it?  
 How problems or changes did it cause?  
 How did the person feel about it?  
 What did the person do because of it?

**Predict**

What do you predict will happen next?  
 Why do you think that?

**After Completing the Biography**

**Sequence** the events:

What were the important events in the order they took place?  
*Why were they important to the person?*

**Infer character traits**

What are some traits of the person?  
*What information supports that inference?*

**Problem-Solution/Conflict and Resolution**

What challenges did the person face?  
 How did he or she meet them?  
 What resulted from that choice?  
*How did the person feel about that choice?*

**Summarize** the biography:

*Include only the most important information:*  
 What were the most important events?  
 How did this person overcome problems?  
 What kind of progress did this person make?

**Identify/Infer the Main Idea or Theme**

What is the main idea or theme of the biography?  
 State it in a sentence.  
*What parts of the biography support it?*

**Craft and Structure**

*May be asked during or after reading.*

**Author's Viewpoint/Tone**

How does the writer feel about the person and the challenges he or she faced?  
*Why do you think that? What kinds of descriptions of the person or events does the writer use that tells you that?*

**Author's Techniques**

What technique does the writer use in this part of the biography?  
 After: Find an example of this technique in the biography.  
*Story may include one or more of these:*  
 dialogue  
 foreshadowing  
 irony  
 sensory language  
 simile  
 symbolism  
 suspense

*How does this technique help you understand the biography?*