Features of a Biography

Purpose:

to give an account of someone's life.



Tense:

- written in the past tense
- Closing statements may use present/ future tense

Structure:

Opens with an attention grabbing introduction that summarises the main events of the person's life and makes the audience want to read on.

Key events are written in chronological order.

Early life, family, home and influences help the audience to understand the person.

Use relevant images and captions for interest.

Concludes with what they are doing now, or how they are/will be remembered.

Include:

- information about their personality
- specific
 facts about
 achievements,
 influences and
 significant people

Include:

- their feelings
 about different
 points and events
 in their life
- quotes from the person themselves, or other key people

Include:

third person
 pronouns, such
 as:
 he, she, they,
 himself, herself,
 it, their, them



Include:

adverbials, such as:
accordingly
consequently
therefore

hence

Include:

 ellipses, repetition, and time conjunctions to link sentences and paragraphs, such as: then, after that, this, firstly, whenever