

English Writers

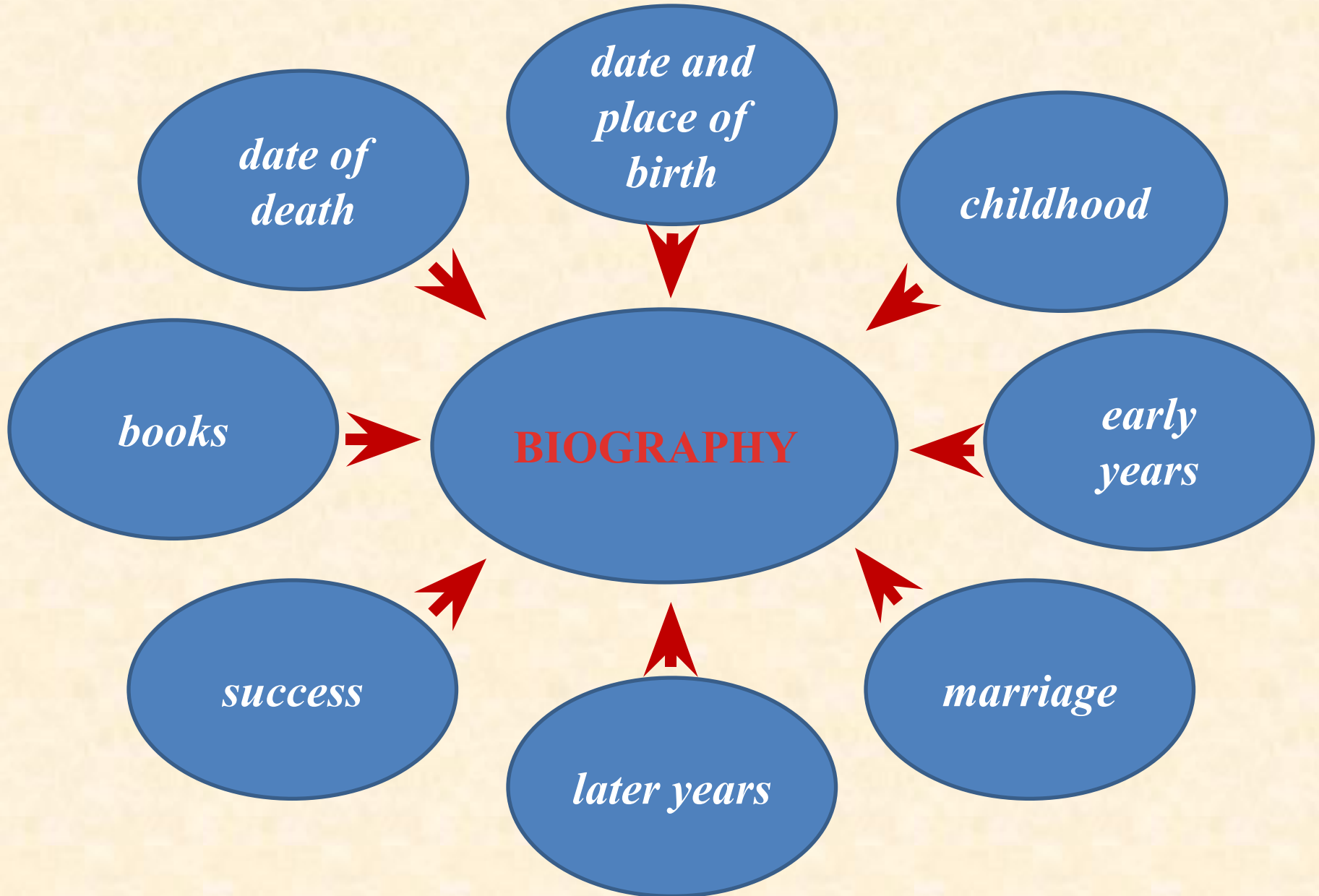
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(Writing a Biography)

What kinds of things would you find in a biography?



New words

South Tyneside - [tainsaid] is in the north-east of England. Tyneside is now established as a lively cultural centre.

desperate - доведённый до отчаяния

to escape - спастись бегством

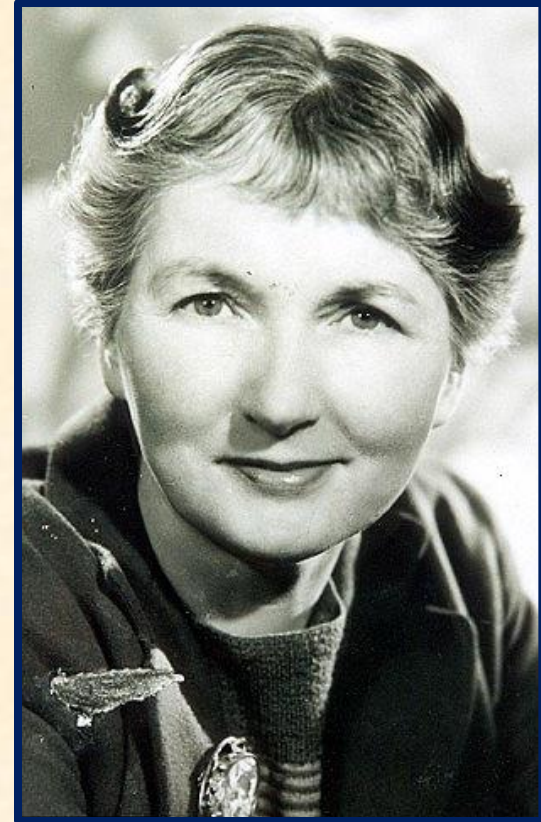
security - а) безопасность

б) благополучие, обеспеченность

laundry - прачечная

Put these events into the correct order:

- 1** She lived in South Tyneside.
- 4** She bought a large house.
- 6** She wrote her first novel.
- 2** She lived in Sussex.
- 8** Her books were adapted for television.
- 5** She married a schoolteacher.
- 7** She returned to the North-east.
- 3** She worked in a laundry.



Which of these sentences from the biography describes purpose and which result?

1. In the late 1920s, young Catherine was **so desperate to escape **that** she moved south to Sussex in search of respectability and security.**

2. She worked in a laundry and saved as much as she could, **so that she was finally able to buy a large house.**

1- result

2 - purpose

Check your answers:

so great that - result

so popular that - result

so that - purpose

Combine these pairs of sentences to form one sentence. Remember these patterns:

so + adjective (+ infinitive) + *that* (**result**)

so + adverb + *that* (**result**)

so that + sentence (**purpose**)

1. The people in the area were poor. The children didn't have enough to eat.

2. Catherine wanted to find a better life. Catherine left the North-east.

3. Catherine needed money. Catherine worked in a laundry.

4. Catherine and her husband were always together. Catherine and her husband loved each other very much.

Check your answers:

- 1. The people in the area were so poor that the children didn't have enough to eat.**
- 2. Catherine left the North East so that she could find a better life.**
- 3. Catherine worked in a laundry so that she could have money.**
- 4. Catherine and her husband loved each other so much that they were always together.**

Fill in the missing words:

Nouns	Adjectives
respectability	respectable
security	secure
poverty	poor
drama	dramatic
despair	desperate
popularity	popular

Fill in the missing words:

James Hodge¹ was a writer who lived a life² as interesting as anything he wrote³ about in his novels. He was⁴ born in the North – west of England⁵ into a life of poverty. He later⁶ drew on his own childhood experiences for his novels.

- 1812** Charles Dickens born / Portsmouth
Father / clerk / earned relatively little money
- 1822** Family moved to London / Charles's education interrupted by need to take poorly-paid work in factory / father got into debt and imprisoned / never forgot this terrible time
- 1823** Became solicitor's clerk
- 1824** Became newspaper reporter
- 1825** First short story published / anonymously
- 1826** Began writing under pen name "Boz" / described conditions of poverty in England
- 1836** Married Catherine Hogarth / had 10 children
- 1842** Visited USA / very well-known there
- 1837-65** Some of finest writing published, e.g. *Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol, David Copperfield, A Tale of Two Cities.*
- 1858** Dickens and wife separated / began to work very hard / eventually became exhausted and ill
- 1870** Died / buried Westminster Abbey.

Start each sentence in a different way:

Dickens later...

In the 1820s, ...

Between 1837 and 1865 ...

Two years later, ...

Dickens, however, ...

During his lifetime, ...

As his health ...

While...,

It was in ... that he ...

He then...

Include some sentences with *so ... that* and *so that...* if possible.

Plan

Introduction

(Paragraph 1) - *name of person - what famous for*

Main Body

(Paragraph 2) - *early years (when/where born, childhood, etc)*

(Paragraph 3) - *later years (marriage, achievements, etc)*

Conclusion

(Paragraph 4) - *date of death, comments*

YOU HOMEWORK:



Write a biography of between 200 and 250 words about a famous British writer, Charles Dickens.

Использованные материалы:

Интернет ресурсы:

1. http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/ru/9/9f/Catherine_Cookson.jpg – портрет Кэтрин Энн Куксон
2. <http://simania.co.il/images/users/18749.jpg> - портрет Диккенса