

HOT TASK:

Write a biography about the life of Charles Dickens.

Text and author: A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
Purpose: To inform
Form: Biography
Audience: Drama production at Christmas and written work displayed

Capture, Sift and Sort

Investigate the structure of biographies and how each paragraph is organised. Focus on how adverbs help create cohesion.

Create, Refine and Evaluate

Write together some sections of a fictional biography based on one of the characters from A Christmas Carol. Practise using formal language and the other features discussed and edit work to improve it further.

Stimulate and Generate:

Watch clips about Dickens' life. Then split it up into eight sections using chronology and produce a drama for the Christmas production

Capture, Sift and Sort

Examples of biographical writing. Look at features, especially focusing on how formal the language is – passive voice.



Site of application – Writing Flashbacks:

Write a diary entry as Charles Dickens for one day of his life.

Stimulate and Generate

Look at Victorian Britain. Discuss inequality – difference between rich and poor.

