

Online biographies—Pre-Intermediate

Let's discuss

A Read the text and answer the questions.

It is always interesting to find out more about famous historical figures, but nowadays you don't have to read a history book to do this. You can go online and read about someone, watch videos or even listen to them making a famous speech! There are online tools which have been designed to help you study history and which make learning about famous people much more fun. An **online biography** of a famous person can include basic information about that person's life, career and the reasons why they are famous.

1. What types of information can an online biography include?
2. Have you ever read a biography about a famous person online? Did you enjoy it?

Let's analyse

A Look at the example of how to organize an online biography. Answer the questions in groups.

1. Is the information organized like a traditional biography?
2. What information is interesting?
3. What other information would you include?

Basketball star, Pau Gasol Sáez was born on July 6, 1980 in Barcelona, Spain. His family loved sport and, as a child, Pau played for the F.C. Barcelona basketball team.

He is a two-time NBA champion with the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team.

Interesting fact!

Gasol has won medals at three Olympic games, in 2008, 2012 and 2016!



Let's do it!

- Step 1** Choose a historical figure to write your online biography about.
- Step 2** Go online and search for information about your chosen person. Try to find photos and pictures too. Make sure you have the important dates in this person's life. Remember to check the past tense of the verbs.
- Step 3** Go online and choose a tool you can use to create an online biography. Think about how to organize the page and where to put each piece of information and the photos.
- Step 4** Create the online biography and share the link with your classmates and teacher.
- Step 5** Write some questions about your biography for your classmates to answer when they read it.
- Step 6** Read some of the biographies your classmates have written and try to answer their questions. Have a class competition to see who can get the most correct answers!