

Writing Summaries Using Biography Mentor Texts

Name _____ Date _____

Mentor Text: _____

Author: _____

I. Write an opposing view statement which encapsulates the preexisting attitudes, beliefs, or practices of society which this person challenged.

II. Summarize this person's main achievement in a single sentence that briefly captures who, what, where, when, why, and how. Remember: this single sentence can in no way detail every great act or event from this person's life, nor should it.

III. Return to the text to find textual evidence supporting your why and how facts in your second sentence. This sentence should identify the book and author as well.

IV. In a final sentence, explain this person's legacy. What lasting contribution, new opportunity, or inspiration did they leave future generations?

When complete, all four sentences should form a single paragraph.