



The Lexile Framework for Reading in Action

Biography Synthesis

- Pre-Reading
- During Reading
- Post Reading

Task Suggestion: For Georgia Performance Standard SS7H3, utilize the resource titled, 'Chairman Mao: Picture of a dictator' (1050L) and ask students to complete a Biography Synthesis activity.

Description: Biography Synthesis offers students an opportunity to identify the key facts about a historical figure, acclaimed scientist, author, or even a character in a work of fiction, and compile those facts into a coherent summary.

How It Works: After reading a text that provides biographical information on a person relevant to the lesson theme, students create their own personal biography of the person by incorporating facts from the text as well as speculative opinions or questions based on what they have learned. The questions can vary, though inference-based or opinion questions should be able to be substantiated with factual knowledge.

How It Can Be Used: Biography Synthesis can be useful across all content areas, in instances when students are given biographical information on a prominent figure in the field.

- ◆ Biography Synthesis is useful for helping students engage with historical figures in a personally relevant way.