

Give your biography a title so that the reader knows who the biography is about. I included the year that she was born and the year that she died.

Biographies are written in the **past tense**. I made sure that I used **past tense** verbs in my writing.

Wangari Maathai (1940-2011)

Wangari Muta Maathai **was** a Kenyan **environmentalist** and politician who **received** the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her work on the Green Belt Movement. She **was** the first black African woman to win a Nobel Prize. Her compassion for the planet and its inhabitants, **partnered** with her **determination** and fortitude, **empowered** a generation of women to sow the seeds of change.

Wangari Maathai is known for winning the Nobel Peace Prize. Include this in your opening paragraph to give the reader an idea of who she was.

Can you magpie my three **powerful words**? There is other powerful vocabulary that you might want to magpie too!