Biography Writing Prompts: Question Starters for Life Stories

Original worked example / unchanged complete key

Prompt: A student is writing about a neighbor who started a community garden. The student asks: What was one achievement, and what steps led to it? The neighbor says the garden began with a single raised bed and grew to six beds over two years. Sketch a timeline with two marks: year 1 and year 2. Write one sentence for each mark.

Answer: Year 1: The neighbor built one raised bed and planted tomatoes. Year 2: The garden grew to six beds with help from three volunteers. The achievement was starting the garden; the steps were building the first bed, planting, and inviting volunteers.