

# AMAZING AUSTRALIAN WOMEN

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Writing	
Ideas	✓
Organisation	✓
Voice	✓
Word Choice	✓
Sentence Fluency	
Conventions	✓
Presentation	



Reading	
Determining Importance	✓
Inferring	
Making Connections	✓
Predicting	
Questioning	✓
Summarising & Synthesising	✓
Visualising	

Amazing Australian Women by Pamela Freeman and Sophie Beer profiles twelve history-shaping women from all over Australia. The book contains lots of fascinating information and will leave readers wanting to do more research on each of the amazing women.

## Writing

This text provides a one-page report on each woman and would be a great mentor text for biography/report writing. Students could look at the level of detail the author has included as a part of IDEAS and ask 'how did the author select which information to include and/or leave out of the piece?' Each of the biographies presented are written with a strong and engaging VOICE- how did the author make this information engaging through the use of voice? Where can you hear the voice in the writing? The ORGANISATION of each biography is one that students could craft from. How did the author order their information? Was there a basic pattern she followed? How did she start and end each piece? The great thing about this book is that individual pages could be used, rather than having to read an entire text; each biography could then be compared- which ones were better pieces of writing? Why? As far as conventions go, this could be used to investigate the use of the dash (-), the comma (particularly with interrupter/appositive sentences) and the use of brackets.

## Reading

Students could look at DETERMINING IMPORTANCE through the lens of a writer and a reader. In terms of reading- what are the most important facts about the profiled woman? What makes these important? What CONNECTIONS can you make between each biography and other texts, real world events or people? With the fascinating information presented on each of the women, QUESTIONS should abound. Many of these questions could lead to follow up research (a handy page of links to further info is provided). Each of the pieces in this book would be great for a focus on SYTHESIZING. A 3-column chart could be used- what I knew before reading, after reading and after researching further to track the change in knowledge.