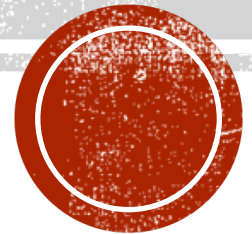


# **TIME & TIDE** Connection & Legacy

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## Word Bank for Bernadine Evaristo

*British writer/ span the genres of verse fiction, short fiction, poetry, essays, literary criticism, journalism, theatre drama/ African diaspora/Professor/ Activism/ Booker Prize 2019/ won the British Book Award's/ bestseller/ The Vogue 25 list of Britain's most influential women for 2020/OBE /Fiery Inspiration/Black Britan: Writing Back/Activist/Theatre of Black Women/Spread The Word/ Storyteller/Afro-diasporic interests/explore the hidden narratives/ inter-racial/first black British writer to get to number 1 in the UK paperback fiction charts/ The Emperor's Babe/ Girl, Woman, Other/ Eltham, south-east London/daughter of school teacher and wielder/ her dad the first first black councillor in the Borough of Greenwich, for the Labour Party/ Yoruba/ experiments with form/ polyvocal/*



## EXERCISE 1: RESEARCH

To write a profile on your chosen woman, you need to know a bit about her! It is advisable to conduct research. Try typing in your chosen woman's name into an internet search engine and see what comes up. Wikipedia may be a place to start, but try other websites too, try not to get all your research from one place.

You may want to ask people if they have heard of your chosen woman and jot down any opinions, impressions, memories they have too.

Create a bank of words and phrases that describe or comment on your chosen woman; this may include, dates, places, adjectives, verbs. Use a thesaurus to find synonyms, of the words you find and add these to you word bank.

Remember to find out what this woman achieved, what she stood for, what she is well known for.

Once you've completed your research, summarise how you think, feel about this woman in your own words. This may be a collection of random words, or fully formed sentences.

See my example of a word bank for Bernadine Evaristo





Example of a kenning riddles

**Dog**  
By Valery Bloom

Tail wagger  
Stick bagger  
Ball chaser  
Car racer  
Bone cruncher  
Biscuit muncher  
Face licker  
Saliva flicker  
Feline fighter  
Postman biter  
Flea horse  
friendship source

**Bernadine Evaristo**  
  
Word-warrior  
Story-teller  
Racism-tackler  
Patriarchy-confronter

(please note that kennings do not  
have to end in ‘er’ sounding  
words)

**Note:** In Valery’s kenning, she has focused on the actions of a dog. When writing your kenning, try thinking of the actions of your chosen woman

Create a Kenning Riddle

Kennings are riddle usually a visual translation of something, so we can better understand it or see it differently

Many Kennings have found themselves in everyday vocabulary;

Skyscraper= a tall building  
book-worm= someone who enjoys reading  
Four-eyes= someone who wears glasses  
Bean-counter= an accountant

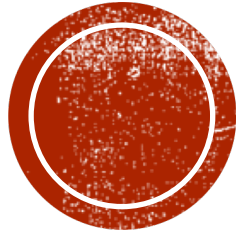
Kenning are usually made by joining a noun with a verb/ noun with a noun, with a hyphen.

**Create a list of kenning riddles for your chosen woman, use your word bank to help you.**



# CREATE A LIMERICK

Limericks are five lined rhyming poems that tend to be a bit cheeky, fun, or have some unexpected ending. They introduce a person and a place, and focus on something the person has achieved, experienced, quirky fact or life event.



## Limerick Rules

- Five lines long
- 1st line introduces a character & place
- 1st/2nd & 5th line rhyme
- 3rd & 4th line rhyme
- Tend to be cheeky

## loney's limerick...

Once Bernadine was a guest on Question Time  
And confronted this Conservative MP guy  
he failed to see  
Coulston's statue was crapy (f\*!kery)  
she re-presented history and left him tongue-tied

**Limericks tend to be written using dialects, slang or colloquial language, this is what makes them accessible**



# WRITE YOUR PROFILE

## Things to include

- Literary devices such as metaphors, similes, alliteration, personification, by doing so readers will find your writing much more engaging as it invites them to use your words to create images. E.g. instead of saying Evaristo's writing is powerful, this could be, ***Evaristo's writing is a fire burning down misconceptions of black people***
- Achievements, have they won awards, if so which ones? Or created change- if so how?
- Background information e.g. where she's from, where she worked, studied.
- It's important to be specific, this will really help readers understand how great this woman is and hopefully help to inspire others to do great things
- Remember to keep a list of your references, where you collected your research

So you have gathered lots of words and phrases, formed a word bank and kenning riddles too. You've also started compiling your research creatively by writing a limerick. Now I would like you to use all these skills to write your statement.

Your statement doesn't have to rhyme, or be a poem but you may want include some creative or poetic devices to help bring your writing to life. You may want to include a couple of your kennings for instance.



# IF YOU ARE STUCK

If don't know which woman to focus your writing on, here is a list to inspire you

- **Bernadine Evaristo**- award winning writer, editor, activist, professor
- **Mary Secole** - was a British Jamaican nurse, healer and businesswoman
- **Greta Thunberg**- environmentalist/Climate Change activist
- **Una Marson**- writer, feminist, the first black female producer for the BBC
- **Margaret Ebunoluwa Aderin-Pocock**- British Scientist and presenter of 'The Sky at Night'
- **Diane Abbot**- Britains 1<sup>st</sup> Black female MP
- **Aditi Pant**- Oceanographer, 1<sup>st</sup> Indian woman to travel Antarctica
- **Mae Jemison** - the first Black woman in space
- **Wangari Maathai**- environmentalist, first African woman to win Noble Peace Prize
- **Berta Isabel Cáceres Flores** - winner of the the 2015 Goldman Environmental Prize
- **Frida Kahlo**- Artist
- **Cathy Freeman**- athlete, the first Australian Indigenous person Commonwealth Games gold medallist
- **Nina Simone**- composer, pianist, singer, activist

