

# William Wilberforce: A Biography

## Comprehension

In which year was William Wilberforce born? **1759**

What was William's biggest achievement? **Campaigning for the abolishment of slave trade in Britain.**

What changed for William when he was eight? Give examples from the text to support your answer. **His father died and his mother became ill. He had to live in London with his aunt and uncle. He went to church every week and listened to Bible stories.**

Who influenced William's religion from an early age? **His aunt and uncle who lived in London.**

Why should a biography be set out in chronological (time) order? **Because it is a recount text and it makes more sense to be in time order.**

Why did William want to work in parliament? **To help others.**

Explain what life was like for a slave living in Britain. **They had to work hard and were not treated very well. Slaves had to do tough, physical tasks and were fed poorly.**

What sort of person do you think John Newton was? **A religious man who also wanted to help others.**

Why did some people not want to abolish the slave trade in Britain? **Because it made them rich.**

In the text it says that the Slave Trade Act (1807) did not help the existing slaves in Britain. How were they eventually helped? **The Slavery Abolition Act (1833) set them all free.**

How else did William Wilberforce help others? **He supported British missionary work in India, the Church Mission Society and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.**

If you could change something for the better, what would it be and why? **Children's personal responses.**