

Assignment sheet

As the name suggests, a **biography** is a life story of a real person written by another. Your task is to complete some biographical research on the well-known Aboriginal poet and activist, Oodgeroo Noonuccal. Before you begin your biographical report, view and discuss the *Explore* article about Oodgeroo Noonuccal online at <https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/articles/fighters-fringe>. Use the material as a starting point to complete this biographical report.

1. Read the information given on pages 78-82 of *The Little Red Yellow Black Book* about Oodgeroo Noonuccal. Write two dot points that describe her personality.

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2. Give the key details of TWO achievements that Oodgeroo Noonuccal made in her life:

(i) _____

(ii) _____

3. Describe the roles of THREE of these influencing factors in Oodgeroo Noonuccal's decision-making:

- her childhood and family life
- her Aboriginality
- racism
- the fact that she was a woman
- the effects of colonisation
- the outbreak of World War II
- the capture and imprisonment of her brothers

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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4. What are some implications of Oodgeroo Noonuccal's work that reach beyond her own experience to make an impact on others? How far-reaching are the implications of her poetry?

