

## Ordering information

Ordering information involves:

- anticipating the structure of the text by using knowledge of the text type e.g. if it is a recount, information is likely to be ordered chronologically, with key words being time words and phrases and dates
- identifying key points e.g. events, facts, opinions or steps, pertinent to the reader's needs
- sequencing these points in order to enhance understanding of text content.

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## Stage 2

### How I used this strategy with my class

Students were shown a video on Dame Nellie Melba after having had various texts about her read to them.

The purpose of the strategy was for students to pick out key events of her life from the text and list them in point form on a timeline. The students then placed these on a grid in chronological order with the facts written in sentences.

### My thoughts on the strategy

Some students needed support to locate the relevant information and to develop the concept of chronological order. Previous experience in note taking helped the students formulate the information into short points.

The value of the activity became apparent when students wrote their own biographical recount on a famous Australian. Many used both the timeline and the grid to support their writing.

Timeline of Dame Nellie Melba's life:

- 1859: Born in Australia.
- 1882: Married Charles Armstrong.
- 1886: Sailed to Europe.
- 1902: Returned to Australia.
- 1909: Began teaching at the Melbourne Conservatorium.
- 1918: Became Dame Commander of the British Empire.
- 1926: Sang last time in London.
- 1927: Sang 3 farewell concerts in Australia.
- 1931: Died in Sydney.

Date	Information
1859	Nellie Melba was born in 1859 in Australia.
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1909	Nellie Melba began teaching in Melbourne.
1918	Nellie Melba became a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 1918.
1926	Nellie Melba sang for the last time in London in 1926.
1927	In 1927 Dame Nellie Melba sang 3 farewell concerts in Australia.
1931	Dame Nellie Melba died in Sydney in 1931.