

Unique Notes

Your Mission: Read the paragraph below and record the most important information in your own words.

Nellie Bly (1865/67–1922)

Investigative journalism was a man’s business—until Nellie Bly came along. Born Elizabeth Cochrane Seaman, Bly got her pen name from a popular song. Her writing career took off in 1885 when she wrote an angry response to the *Pittsburgh Dispatch’s* article “What Girls Are Good For.” The newspaper then hired the young writer. Nellie wrote about slum life and conditions for “working girls” in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. But it was Bly’s investigative pieces that got people calling her “the best reporter in America.”



Writing



Reading



Listening & Speaking

- Underline the key words in the paragraph above.
- In your own words, what is the main idea of the paragraph?

- In your own words, list several details that support the main idea.

- To paraphrase means to rewrite information in your own words. Practice paraphrasing these sentences from the paragraph above.

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Note-Taking Tips:

- Write notes in your OWN words.
- Put quotation marks around sentences that you copy directly.
- Take notes only on information that you think is related to your topic.
- Know where your notes come from. Cite every note source.
- When writing your notes use neat penmanship so you’ll be able to read them later.

