

Person Description Essay Template

I. INTRODUCTION

Hook: Vivid moment, quote, or striking detail about the person

Thesis: Who they are and why they're significant/memorable

II. PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Overall Impression:

- First thing people notice
- General presence/stature

Facial Features:

- Eyes (color, expression)
- Distinguishing features
- Hair style

Personal Style:

- Clothing choices
- Posture/body language
- Distinctive accessories

Key Details: Use visual imagery, describe movement/gestures

III. PERSONALITY & CHARACTER

Core Traits:

- 2-3 main characteristics
- How traits show in behavior

Mannerisms:

- Speech patterns/voice
- Repeated gestures

- Habits

Emotional Nature:

- Typical mood
- How they handle emotions
- Effect on others

Tip: Show through actions, not adjectives

IV. ACTIONS & BEHAVIOR

Characteristic Actions:

- Typical behaviors
- Interaction style
- Problem-solving approach

Defining Scene:

- Specific moment revealing character
- Detailed description of actions

Social Impact:

- How others respond
 - Relationships formed
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V. DEEPER CONTEXT (Optional)

Background:

- Shaping experiences
- Values/beliefs

Environment:

- Settings they frequent
- Comfort zones

VI. CONCLUSION

Synthesis:

- Reinforce main impression
 - Connect physical + personality + actions
 - Final memorable image or thought
 - Why this person matters
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SENSORY CHECKLIST

✓ Visual: colors, shapes, appearance details ✓ Auditory: voice, laughter, sounds they make ✓
Movement: gestures, walk, mannerisms ✓ Emotional: feelings they evoke in others

WRITING TIPS

- Use specific examples over general statements
- Include dialogue when relevant
- Focus on unique details that distinguish this person
- Balance physical description with character insights
- End with lasting impression