# How to Start an Essay on a Person

## My Grandfather

#### Introduction

- This is where you:
  - State general facts about the person: when, where and how you first met him/her.
  - State the reason for choosing this person.

A person who has influenced me most is my grandfather. My grandfather raised me to be sensitive, cheerful and compassionate. He is someone I love and cherish very deeply.

## Body Paragraph #1 & #2

- Describe some of the following information about the person:
  - physical appearance
  - o personal qualities
  - o hobbies/interests
  - profession/education
  - o accomplishments
- Start a new paragraph for a topic that is unrelated to the other topics.
- For example:
  - Paragraph #1 physical appearance & personal qualities
  - Paragraph #2 –
    education, profession &
    accomplishments

My grandfather, Jack, is of medium height. He is in his early seventies but looks extremely young for his age. He is slim and has got short grey hair. My grandfather's face is round and friendly looking. He has small blue eyes and an expression full of kindness. He tends to wear casual clothes like jeans and tee shirts, which add to his youthful appearance.

My grandfather is an incredibly sensitive person who helps everyone in need. Yet, he never seeks a reward for his kindness. Moreover, my grandfather is so generous that he wants to share what he possesses with others. For example, he donated 10,000 shekels to an organization for Holocaust survivors. Furthermore, I can speak to him about all of my problems because he is trustworthy and keeps all my secrets. What he does not tolerate is a lie. He has always told me that if you don't tell the truth, you will only hurt your self-respect.

# **Conclusion Paragraph**

 Write a conclusion in which you express your personal attitude towards the person.

In short, my grandfather is one of the most important people in my life. I believe that <u>he has contributed greatly</u> to my ability to show compassion and sensitivity for others.