

English I Writing Expository Prompt

Read the following quotation.

"The makeup is simply an extension of the personality and colors, clothing, makeup all express something."

–Gene Simmons

Israeli-born American rock bass guitarist for KISS, singer-songwriter, record producer, entrepreneur, and actor

We all have different personalities, different ways of dealing with life, different points of view. What are the main elements of your personality?

Write an essay explaining your personality to the reader and the importance of showing people your unique talents and personality traits.

Be sure to –

- clearly state your thesis
- organize and develop your ideas effectively
- choose your words carefully
- edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling

Expository Planning Organizer Sample for Guided Writing

Thesis statement: My _____ unique personality is a reflection of my personal experiences, places, and people in my life.

Main Ideas of the Thesis	
First Main Idea	Supporting Details
Words used by family to describe my personality	I describe myself as: Outgoing? Shy? Quiet? Funny? Serious? Outspoken?
	Family describe me as...
	As I grow, my personality contributes to _____
Second Main Idea	
A reflection of life experiences	School experience
	Friends/Role models
	Fears/Passions/Hobbies
	I become better connected to people outside my family members.
Third Main Idea	
One experience in particular	Anecdote/small story reflecting one's personality
	My personality showed in this situation

Concluding Statements: A personality is what makes every human being on this planet unique. I strongly associate my personality with my past and the people in it. Much like every snowflake falling to the ground is different, each human personality cannot be duplicated again.

I. Introduction

Thesis – My _____ unique personality is a reflection of my personal experiences, places, and people in my life.

II. Body

MI – Words used by family to describe my personality

- I describe myself as: Outgoing? Shy? Quiet? Funny? Serious? Outspoken?
- Family describe me as...
- As I grow, my personality contributes to _____

MI – A reflection of life experiences

- School experience
- Friends/Role models
- Fears/Passions/Hobbies
- I become better connected to people outside my family members.

MI – One experience in particular

- Anecdote/small story reflecting one's personality
- My personality showed in this situation

III. Closing

Thesis and PT – A personality is what makes every human being on this planet unique. I strongly associate my personality with my past and the people in it. Much like every snowflake falling to the ground is different, each human personality cannot be duplicated again.

Collaborative Interactive Writing Activity

Teacher directions - cut apart each part of the writing plan.

- Provide each group a part of the essay.
- Draft each paragraph using the plan provided.



Add a meaningful hook or lead to grab your reader's attention. Use this thesis or develop one with a similar idea.

I.

Introduction

Thesis - My _____ unique personality is a reflection of my personal experiences, places, and people in my life.

Write a topic sentence with the MI. Then add sentences with the supporting details.

II.

Body

MI - Words used by family to describe my personality

- I describe myself as: Outgoing? Shy? Quiet? Funny? Serious? Outspoken?
- Family describe me as...
- As I grow, my personality contributes to _____

Write a topic sentence with the MI. Then add sentences with the supporting details.

MI - A reflection of life experiences

- School experience
- Friends/Role models
- Fears/Passions/Hobbies
- I become better connected to people outside my family members.

Write a topic sentence with the MI. Then add sentences with the supporting details.

- You may add other supporting details. Use detail moves to make your writing interesting and engaging.

MI – One experience in particular

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Use the restated thesis or develop one with fresh new words. Use the parting thought or develop a new one to leave your audience with a thoughtful closing.

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Planning Guide

Expository

I. Introductory paragraph

- A. Topic included in the thesis statement
- B. Main ideas of the composition

II. Body paragraphs

- A. Main idea stated in a topic sentence*
- B. Supporting detail**
 - 1. Examples
 - 2. Cause and effect
 - 3. Personal experiences

III. Concluding paragraph

- A. Thesis statement
- B. Main ideas of the composition
- C. General parting thought

* No set number of ideas or details

** Other elaboration methods may be equally effective.

Planning Organizer

Expository

Thesis statement

Main Ideas of the Thesis	
First Main Idea	Supporting Details
Second Main Idea	Supporting Details
Third Main Idea	Supporting Details

Concluding Statement

Revision Checklist Expository

Introductory Paragraph				Concluding Paragraph
Topic ____	Main Ideas			Topic ____
Thesis ____	1 st Idea ____ E____ CE____ PE____ Other____	2 nd Idea____ E____ CE____ PE____ Other____	3 rd Idea____ E____ CE____ PE____ Other____	Thesis ____
Main Ideas 1. ____				Main Ideas ____
2.____				Parting Thought ____
3.____				

Sentence Variations

Compound Sentence with correct comma usage before the FANBOYS _____

Complex Sentences with correct comma, based on subordinate conjunction placement

BONUS! Compound Complex Sentences with correct comma usage _____

Detail Sentence Leads – Author’s Craft: Place checkmarks next to the detail leads.

Details that Describe	Action Details	Persuasive Details	Details that Inform	Dialogue Details
State the obvious	Act and think	If...then	State the opposite	“Dialogue” with tags
Just like that	But, why???	Take the opposite side	What’s Next?	Instead of <i>said</i>
Action, action, action clues	Numbers date/time/value	Good insightful question(s)	High Interest – what’s next	Talking and thinking
In the middle	Location transition	Imagine this...	Positive sweet with a negative sour	Action and words
Zoom in & describe	Adverb comma	It’s complicated and complex	For the first time ever..	Tell me about it
Intentional repetition	<i>ings</i> phrases present participles	Now...Then	Define it	
Pop culture	Eds phrases	We... statements of unity	AKA – proper nouns	
Personification people characteristics	Onomatopoeia (sound)	Call to action	In other words (restatement)	
Set the stage		Hyperbole exaggerate!	Important or significant	
I, we, they think			Love, love, love	
			Historical reference	

