

Descriptive Essay Character Sketch Outline

I. Introduction:

Use similes and descriptive adjectives to describe your person physically.

Use a good lead as an opening sentence. Use the optional sentence at the bottom of this page or start with a question, a quote, an exclamation, a flashback, or an emotional memory.

Lead sentence to hook your reader _____

A. Thesis Statement _____

B. Physical Appearance _____

C. Detail/ simile _____

D. Second physical attribute _____

E. Detail/simile _____

II. Best Characteristics:

Use prepositional phrases, setting, adjectives and give examples of the characteristic in the person's life. Include your interaction with the person. Use active verbs in this section.

Topic Sentence: _____

A. Characteristic #1 _____

B. Examples and details of characteristic #1 _____

C. Characteristic #2 _____

D. Examples and details of characteristic #2 _____

E. Characteristic #3 _____

F. Examples and details of characteristic #3 _____

III. Hobbies:

Describe the hobbies and give examples from the person's life as to how they use them. Include the setting and use adjectives and adverbs. Add some dialogue if you can.

Topic Sentence: _____

A. Hobby #1 _____

B. Details for hobby #1 (where, when, how, why, etc) _____

C. Hobby #2 _____

D. Details for hobby #2 _____

E. Hobby #3 _____

F. Details for hobby #3 _____

IV. Sensory Details (smells, hear, touch)

Use similes, adjectives, and examples from their lives when giving the sensory detail.

Topic Sentence: _____

A. Example _____

B. Example _____

C. Example _____

V. Conclusion: Favorite Memory

Use "I remember" statements to help build the conclusion.

A. Nicest memory _____

B. Describe with details _____

C. Detail _____

D. Feeling/one thing you like the most _____

Optional Introductory lead sentence and thesis statement.

Sometimes in life we meet extraordinary people. There have been many special people in my life, but one of the most precious people I have met is _____. I will always treasure _____ for many reasons.

You can also lead in with a question

An exclamation (Wow!)

A sentence about the past- When I think about what I've been through, I'm glad you are in my life.

Quote by the person

Or an emotional beginning – “Because you loved me...”

Optional Concluding Sentence:

The overwhelming aura of _____ is a feeling of _____.