

Writing Prompt

Who is a human being you have known who has had a positive impact on you or who has made a positive difference in your life? Choose one person—someone whom you have known personally—to write about.

In an organized and well-developed 5-paragraph essay, *bring this person to life* for the reader by (1) capturing the most important aspects of this person's character, AND (2) explaining how your relationship with this person has had a positive impact on you.

Requirements

1) **Content & Focus** - Address all parts of the prompt in your essay, communicating both the most important aspects of this person's character and how this relationship has had a positive impact on you.

2) **Organization** – Organize your ideas and supporting details effectively into an essay with the following parts:

- An engaging **introduction** that makes clear your essay's thesis and main ideas
- **Three body paragraphs**, each of which fully develops a main idea with evidence, clearly-explained reasoning, and smooth transitions,
- An effective **conclusion**.

3) **Elaboration & Development** – Throughout the body of your essay, use at least the first four strategies listed below to capture the person's character and to explain the person's impact on you:

- **Description** – use concrete sensory language to paint a picture for the reader
- **Anecdote** – incorporate a brief and interesting story to make a point
- **Quotation** – incorporate a meaningful and relevant statement (either something said by the person you're writing about, or something said by an expert on the topic)
- **Example** – provide specific, concrete information to illustrate a general, abstract idea
- **Facts & Statistics** – provide numbers, figures, or data that illustrate your main idea

4) Other Requirements

Style & Voice: Use a **first-person** perspective, as well as language and a tone that fit your attitude toward this person.

Length: Your essay should contain **no fewer than 700 words**—which is equivalent to roughly **2½ pages**, based on using MLA format as described below.

Format: Use MLA format: typed, **double-spaced** throughout with **no extra spaces** anywhere, properly headed and paginated, with **1-inch margins on all sides**, written in **12-point Times New Roman** font or a comparable-sized font.

Correctness: Make sure your writing is **completely free of careless errors**.