

# Brainstorming for a Paper About a Person

When writing about a person you know, it's best to combine description with a story. This story could be an experience you had directly with the person or a story about the person you've heard from them or even someone else. Make sure the story isn't random but shows the reader something interesting or important about that person. You might even have room in your paper for two stories.

Before beginning your paper, brainstorm ideas. Ideally, you'll want to brainstorm even more ideas than you'll use in your final paper. Use this sheet, and more paper if needed, to brainstorm ideas for your paper.



## Description

Physical appearance (height, weight, age, hair color, eye color, etc.)

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Speech (accent, frequent things they say, high or low pitched voice, etc.)

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Movement (how they walk or carry themselves, their posture, any nervous habits, any notable facial expressions, etc.)

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Personality (the type of person they are normally (happy, thoughtful, angry, etc.), do their emotions change quickly, are they fun to be around or not, etc.)

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## Story

Where did it happen: \_\_\_\_\_

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When did it happen: \_\_\_\_\_

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Who else is in the story: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why the story is important: \_\_\_\_\_

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What the story reveals about the subject: \_\_\_\_\_

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Summary of the story: \_\_\_\_\_

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