

Brainstorming for a Paper About a Person

When writing about a person you know, one good approach is to combine narrative, description, and dialogue. This dialogue could be part of the narrative (story) you tell, or it could be something your subject says or something someone else says about them.

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.)

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

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

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.)

Likes and dislikes: _____

Hobbies: _____

Stories about the friend: _____

Ideas for dialogue: _____
