

## Grades 9–12 Pre-Writing Training Set

### DIRECTIONS

The personal qualities that you were born with are the result of “nature.” The characteristics you develop through living with other people are the result of “nurture.” Nature and nurture both affect the personality of an individual. Look carefully at the pictures. Answer the questions. This will help you write an essay later.



**1**

What personality traits do you think people have from birth?

**2**

What personality traits do you think result from the way people are raised?

**3**

Do you think nature or nurture has a greater influence on the development of personality? Why?

## Student Responses for Item 1

### Sample A

1  
People have personality traits  
from birth like how when they  
baby's they like hitting  
People and other baby  
are happy and friendly.

Score:

## Sample B

1

- There smile
- There eyes
- Hair.
- ears.

Score:

Sample C

**1**

good person      black eyes  
brown skin  
skinny  
happy  
chavi  
dark skin

Score:

## Sample D

**1** Nice, sweet, kind people are born  
with love

Score:

## Sample E

1

I think the people don't have personality from birth because everybody learn from their parents

Score:

## Sample F

1

I think that people have physical traits from birth, because as you can see in the first picture theres two girls that are twins that is something physical that you get from birth.

Score:

## Sample G

1

According to picture one Personality traits that I think people have from birth are happiness.

Score:

## Sample H

1

well I think that people have happy traits, sad, and mean.  
there are some babies that dont stop crying, they dont  
even smile for a second.

Score:

## Sample I

1

I think people have the eyes, and hair colors from there birth, and also they could have the same color skin. Also it could be with what hand you write because people are also left handed and that could come from your father genes.

Score:

## Student Responses for Item 2

### Sample A

2 The personality traits that I think result from the way people are raised is nurture, because nature is the things that people are born with and nurture are the things that we learn to do from others in our community.

Score:

**Sample B**

2

The traits that result the way you are raised are how you act and what you wear and do things

**Score:**

### Sample C

2

I believe that the results of people personality traits in being raised are different to every other parents. Some traits of being raise will be

- behavior
- Good words/ language
- Responsibility
- manners
- Respect

Score:

## Sample D

2

The personality can be good or bad it  
just depends in how you was raised,

For example, if you was raised goodly your  
attitude will be good, if you was raised badly  
your attitude will be bad,

Score:

## Sample E

2

What personality traits do you think result from the way people are raised? They get result from their family behavior. The personality traits I think the way people are raised are respectful, helpful, caring.

Score:

## Sample F

2

- The culture
- violence
- language.
- lonely
- bad

Score:

## Sample G

2

One personality trait that result from the way a person is raised is culture. When we talk about Culture we are talking about the food the people eat, the manners they get at home, the clothing and even the religion.

Score:

## Sample H

2

The Personality traits, I think they look happy together. It's family because they love together. they no want to sefera ech chsder. They want to live together.

Score:

## Sample I

2

Personality traits people have from the way they are raised!

- > Morality
- > Customs
- > Lifestyle
- > Education

Score:

## Sample J

2

Personality traits change as you grow older, because of the way you're being raised, some changes may apply because of the religion your parents choose for you. You may also change your personality traits as you grow depending on what you see or learn from others who surround you.

Score:

### Student Responses for Item 3

#### Sample A

3

Family (work)  
Siblings

Score:

## Sample B

3

I think that they both have a greater influence on the development of personality, because nature traits are traits, you have from birth and everybody has nature traits, nurture traits you get them from your environment, the people around you, community, you can attitude, interests, bad influences, additions. From nature, you get your eye's color, Birth marks, skin color, and other things.

Score:

## Sample C

3

I think Nurture has a greater influence on the development of a personality. Because the people around you set an example, either of a good life or bad, meaning if you are poor you could become rich, and if your parents are poor you are NOT gonna be born with hundreds of thousand dollars hanging from your hand. Its more important because you could control your destiny.

Score:

## Sample D

3

I think nature has a greater influence on the development of personality because those qualities that you have are there when you were born.

Score:

### Sample E

3

I think that nurture has a greater influence on the development of personality, because if you as a kid was loved and taken care of then when you grow up your most likely going to be a loving and caring person.

Score:

Sample F

3 I think nurture has a greater influence on the development of personality because the people somehow

Score:

### Sample G

3

Therefore have a greater influence on the development of personality because this is when you develop a characteristic when you are with other people or experience with life.

Score:

## Sample H

3

I think nature or nurture, the both are happy and both are family and the love together has a family.

Score:

### Sample 1

3

I think nature because you are mainly  
good or bad when your little just like  
you are now.

Score:

## Sample J

3

I think nurture has a greater influence on the development of personality, because often the people and friends you are hanging out with create or change your personality or character.

Score:

## 9–12 Pre-Writing Training Set Score Points and Explanations

Question Number	Sample	Score	Explanation
1	A	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains two relevant ideas (traits from birth such as “hiting people” and “happy and friendly” can range from anger to happiness)</li> <li>Shows thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	B	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irrelevant</li> </ul>
	C	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains two relevant ideas (good and happy)</li> </ul>
	D	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains one relevant idea</li> <li>Shows minimal thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	E	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains two relevant ideas</li> <li>Shows thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	F	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irrelevant</li> </ul>
	G	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains one relevant idea</li> </ul>
	H	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains two relevant ideas</li> <li>Shows thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	I	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irrelevant</li> </ul>
2	A	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irrelevant</li> </ul>
	B	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains one relevant idea</li> <li>Shows minimal thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	C	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains more than two relevant ideas</li> <li>Shows thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	D	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains one relevant idea</li> <li>Shows minimal thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	E	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains more than two relevant ideas</li> <li>Shows thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	F	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains more than two relevant ideas (such as temperament, social interactions)</li> <li>Shows thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	G	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains one relevant idea</li> </ul>
	H	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irrelevant</li> </ul>
	I	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains more than two relevant ideas</li> <li>Shows thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	J	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains one relevant idea</li> </ul>

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3	A	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient to score</li> </ul>
	B	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains more than 2 relevant ideas</li> <li>• Shows thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
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	H	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irrelevant</li> </ul>
	I	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains one relevant idea</li> <li>• Shows minimal thinking about the topic</li> </ul>
	J	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains two relevant ideas</li> <li>• Shows thinking about the topic</li> </ul>

## Grades 9–12 Writing Training Set

### DIRECTIONS

Write an essay about how people’s personalities are formed. Discuss both the influence of the characteristics people are born with (nature) and the way people are raised (nurture). Make sure your essay is well organized and of sufficient length. You may use your ideas from the Pre-Writing questions to help you write.

1



## Student Responses

## Sample A

1

People have many personality traits when they are born. They could have the moms / fathers nose, ears, lips, or even the shape of there face. Not every body looks the same. They also may have the parents eye color but when they start growing up they start changing. They probably wont have the same personality traits when there older.

Peoples personality trait illustrate the way they was raised because of there adittude. The way they were brong to earth. Also the way they

## Sample A (continued)

act with certain people. You could also say that they was raised by the way they speak. If you are hispanic you would be talking spanish. Many people are raised differently. It depends why they was raised like that.

Nature and nurture has a great influence on the development of personality because it describes who you are and what you do. Cause as we all no noone has the same personality. Everyone is different.

Score:

## Sample B

1

When people are born they are born with love, they don't hate anybody they are sweet, and nice. So you will know how are people's personalities and why are their personalities like that.

So when children are born they love to every thing. The way that people's personalities are based on how their parents treat them or how they were raised. If a child's parents are raised they are also raised when they are adults.

## Sample B (continued)

Dependin<sup>o</sup> in how people are nurtured  
that makes a persons personalities.  
If you are nature nice you are  
a sweet person, and if you are nurture  
meanly you become mean, bad, and you talk  
back to people meanly. If your raise  
by nature you grow up to care about  
trees, rain forest you love plants,  
and animals. You would care about every  
thing.

Score:

## Sample C

1

Nature are characteristics that people are born with like physical or personality traits.

Nature are characteristics that a person could developed when getting older. People's characteristics can be formed by nature and nurture.

Nature are characteristics that people are born with like physical or personality traits. A person could be born with white or dark skin, brown or blue eyes. It all depends on how the parents look like because physical traits are pass down this is called genetics. Many people have some traits from their parents they

## Sample C (continued)

could have the same skin, hair, nose, and eyes.

Nature are characteristics that a person could develop when getting older. For example a person could grow up and become a good person because he was raised in a good family and in a good environment. on the other hand another person could grow up in a bad environment and in a bad family and he becomes bad too. so I believe nurture is more important than nature.

so in conclusion Nature and Nurture are totally different from each other. I believe that nurture is more important because it could affect the person's attitude.

Score:

## Sample D

1

Every human are born with unique qualities. In other words every one look, act and think different. People have their own style, their own characteristic. Nature is something that comes by it self is not met to be.

In my opinion people are born with their own personalities. For example if you where born with a bad behavior nature is not going to change. Only one self have the power to do so. An individual can

**Sample D (continued)**

be raised the best of the ability and it could still be the worst child ever. You are born with who you are, and as one stated no one can change that only your-self.

In the other hand some people are born with talent, others the talent comes naturally. Meaning when you are growing you have more and more ability and possibilities of becoming talented. Also some people have characteristics in their lives that it can't be change.

Thus, every single one of us are different, with our own style. Having people with different looks, act, opinions, characteristic makes



## Sample E

1

Nature and Nurture are very important. My questions are, what personality traits do people have from birth? What personality traits do it result from the way people are raised? How nature or nurture has a greater influence on the development of personality. Nature and Nurture both affect the personality of an individual but sometimes it doesn't.

Nature is the personal qualities that everybody is born with. The results of Nature could be that you could have a hearing difficulties with the talking, hearing, and even be born slow with black or blond hair, black or brown eyes, tall

## Sample E (continued)

short, fat, skinny, etc. The personalities formed by Nature is intelligent, if your parent are smart the gene is carried to you. The personality of Nature in my family is that almost all of us are tall; average height 5'9, the only little one in my family is my mother, 5'6. This is Nature.

Nurture is the characteristic; you develop through living with other people. The results of Nurture is; drug addict, alcoholic, abusive, Gangster et. when somebody has one of these characteristics has a problem but if you are; hard working, take care of others, humble person, have mercy, etc. if you have any of these characteristic you are a strong women or men. The streets right now are not good to be on, it's safer to be at your house than in the streets now day.

## Sample E (continued)

For me since 9/11 the world has changed  
but I hope God protect us from all of those  
attempts that the terrorist are going to try  
to do. On my family Nurture has been  
hard because friends of my brother make  
him use drugs but after bad things happen  
to him he has stopped all that nonsense.  
This is Nurture.

Nature and Nurture both have different  
meaning but they like the same thing. Because  
Nature deals inside your body and Nurture  
deals outside your body. People have different  
Nature but a lot of people have the same  
Nurture. This is my opinion about Nature  
and Nurture.

Score:

### Sample F

1

The characteristics personalities is good  
boy because when I born di This world. My  
Personalities is how education I am study my  
Homework because I pass all my class why  
I born the class I good boy my teacher  
said I good boy.

Score:

## Sample G

1

People personalities and formed by the nature and nurture. Nature is the way people were born. Nurture is the way people are raised. This changes peoples personalities a lot because if you was raised in a bad way it can effect your life and manners to. Lets say you was born with mental problem it will effect your personalities and other stuff. If you was born with mental problem you will need to drink pills often some people may make fun of you and hurt your feelings.

## Sample G (continued)

It's very important to be raised well because it effect your persanality-  
es. Let's you are being raised in a bad way you will have bad maners, attitude and life. If you have bad maners you wont make friends. If you have a attitude you will have alot of trouble. If you have a bad life will will try to do stupid thing that effect your life in a bad way. Some people will try to comit a suicide others will comit crimes. It important to have a good nature and nurtute.

Score:

## Sample H

1

People's personalities are formed long the influenced of the characteristics people are born with nature and the way people are raised natures.

Nature is the way people are born, their characteristics.

Nature is your genes, skin color, eyes, hair, the way you look, language, clothing, and allergies.

It's like two person's that look the same or have lots

## Sample H (continued)

of things in common.

Nurture has a greater influence on the development of personality because it depends on the environment, the people you are surrounded by, the people you hang out with, the language spoken, the way they look or act, and their clothing or the way they dress.

This is the influence of the characteristics people are born with and the way people are raised; they are nature and

Sample H (continued)

nature. Personality traits is  
the characteristics that  
makes a person unique or  
different from others.

Score:

## Sample 1

1

The peoples personality are formed by two different factors. Nature, that are characteristics that peoples born with, and nurture that are characteristics that people have by the way that they develop. I think that this two factors are what affect peoples personality.

Nature are characteristics that people had born with. And sometimes it can be pass on in family for example a person that is alcoholic if that person have a child the child can be alcoholic too. Also when somebody

## Sample I (continued)

is quiet, or loud because of their parents. It also deals with physical traits like the hair skin color, that might affect a person's personality. When are mean, talent, intelligent, stupid, it can be because of the nature.

Nurture are characteristics that people develop from their environment. People can develop a good or bad behavior because of where they live. It can affect the way they dress, and think because people get used to what they see. For example drugs. People also can get diseases because of the way they live or the environment.

Nature and nurture both have effect of people's personality. One is the way they are born and the other the way they are

**Sample I (continued)**

raise and by who. I think that both  
factors are important because they make  
who we are and our personality.

Score:

## Sample J

1

People's personalities are formed.  
Just 2 make sure both with discuss both.  
May use your ideas the essay is well organized  
People's characteristics & people's influence of the  
Prewriting. Nature and nurture both  
Personality of an individual, qualities they  
born with are the result. Answer the questions.

Score:

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<b>1</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates basic understanding of the topic</li> <li>• Includes a few relevant details</li> <li>• Vocabulary and sentence structure are basic for students within grade span</li> </ul>
	<b>B</b>	<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates some complex thinking about the topic</li> <li>• Includes some relevant and meaningful details</li> <li>• Some errors in spelling and grammar that do not cause confusion about meaning</li> <li>• Vocabulary and sentence structure are appropriate for students within grade span</li> </ul>
	<b>C</b>	<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates some complex thinking about the topic</li> <li>• Includes some relevant and meaningful details</li> <li>• Is organized and developed</li> <li>• Vocabulary and sentence structure are appropriate for students in grade span</li> </ul>
	<b>D</b>	<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates basic understanding of the topic</li> <li>• Includes a few relevant details</li> <li>• Vocabulary and sentence structure are basic for students within grade span</li> </ul>
	<b>E</b>	<b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates complex thinking about the topic</li> <li>• Includes many relevant and meaningful details</li> <li>• Is well-organized and well-developed</li> <li>• Vocabulary and sentence structure are varied and appropriate for students in grade span</li> </ul>

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Question Number	Sample	Score	Explanation
1	F	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irrelevant</li> </ul>
	G	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates basic understanding of the topic</li> <li>Includes a few relevant details</li> <li>Is somewhat disorganized and minimally developed</li> <li>Vocabulary and sentence structure are basic for students within grade span</li> </ul>
	H	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates some complex thinking about the topic</li> <li>Includes some relevant and meaningful details</li> <li>Is organized and developed</li> <li>Vocabulary and sentence structure are appropriate for students within grade span</li> </ul>
	I	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates complex thinking about the topic</li> <li>Includes many relevant and meaningful details</li> <li>Is well-organized and well-developed</li> <li>Vocabulary and sentence structure are varied and appropriate for students within grade span</li> </ul>
	J	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Random copying of words and phrases from the prompt</li> </ul>