

Persuasive Writing Outline: "Do People Really Change?"

Objective:

Your goal is to write a persuasive essay about the article **"Do People Really Change?"**. This worksheet will guide you step-by-step through the process of writing the essay. Use the prompts below to help you build your outline and then create your essay. Each section will help you organize your thoughts and plan your argument.

Part 1: Introduction (4 sentences)

In this part, you'll introduce the issue and state your point of view.

1. State the Issue (What is the topic you are writing about?):

The article **"Do People Really Change?"** talks about whether people's personalities change as they grow older. The author argues that people **do** change, even though their basic traits may stay the same.

The issue is whether or not people change as they get older. I will explain why I believe that

2. State Your Opinion (Do you agree or disagree with the article?):

I believe that _____ (agree or disagree with the article).

3. Introduce the Article and Author (If the author's name is available, mention it):

In the article "Do People Really Change?" by _____, the author argues that people can change as they grow older, especially in terms of emotional stability and responsibility.

4. Set Up the Structure (What are you going to talk about in the body of your essay?):

In this essay, I will explain why I agree/disagree with the article by using evidence from the article and my own experiences.

Part 2: Opposite Point of View (3-4 sentences)

In this section, you will acknowledge the opposite point of view without supporting it.

1. Acknowledge the Opposing Viewpoint (What would someone who disagrees with your P.O.V. say?):

Some people may argue that people's basic personality traits

_____ . They might say that personality traits like

_____ (choose a trait from the article like "openness" or "extroversion")

_____ throughout a person's life.

2. Explain Why You Do (Not) Agree:

However, I believe that

Part 3: Your Point of View (Evidence-based) (5-6 sentences)

Now, you'll explain why you agree or disagree with the article, using evidence from the article.

1. **Introduce Evidence from the Article (What did the article say to support your opinion?):**

The article explains that people

_____. *For example, it says that*

_____.

2. **Use a Direct Quote or Example (If possible, quote a part of the article that supports your view):**

The author writes, " _____ " (Use a direct quote from the article to support your point).

3. **Explain Why This Evidence Supports Your Opinion (How does this evidence prove your point?):**

This helps prove that

people _____ because _____.

Part 4: Your Point of View (Real-life experience-based) (5-6 sentences)

Now, you'll connect the article's ideas to your own life or other real-life experiences.

1. **Introduce Your Real-Life Experience or Example (What have you seen or experienced that supports the article's argument?):**

In my own life, I have noticed that as people get older, they become

_____. *For example, when I look at my older relatives, they*

_____.

2. **Explain How This Experience Supports Your Opinion**

3. **Connect It Back to the Article (How does this real-life experience connect to the article?):**

This real-life example proves that as people age, they _____.

Part 5: Conclusion (3-4 sentences) Here, you will restate the issue and your opinion.

1. **Restate the Issue (What were you writing about?):**

In the article "Do People Really Change?", the author discusses whether people's personalities change as they grow older.

2. **Restate Your Opinion (Do you agree or disagree with the article?):**

I believe that people

_____.

3. **Summarize the Main Reasons (Why do you think this?):**

My own experiences with older people show that

_____.

4. **Final Thought (Wrap up the essay):** *In conclusion,*

_____.

