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GRADE 11

Writing

Scoring Guide

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PERSUASIVE ESSAY

Purpose

- To get the reader to accept the writer's point of view on the issue posed by the writing prompt
- To adopt the writer's way of thinking about the issue posed by the writing prompt

Organizational Pattern

- Introduction
 - ✓ May have a hook or grabber to get the reader's attention
 - ✓ Clearly conveys the writer's opinion/position on the topic/thesis statement
- Body
 - ✓ Provides evidence to support the writer's opinion/purpose
 - ✓ Evidence will be in the form of facts, reasons, examples, details, etc.
 - ✓ Effective transitions show how ideas connect
 - ✓ May present pros and cons of an argument
 - ✓ Anticipates the reader's questions
- Conclusion
 - ✓ Restates the writer's opinion/position, thesis statement, or focus
 - ✓ May summarize the main point included in the body
 - ✓ May include a personal comment or call for action

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There is not a single person in this world that is the same as another. Everyone is unique with different likes, dislikes, looks, and personalities. These personalities involve several different character traits that set people apart from each other. Having different characteristic traits is a good thing because if everyone was similar, the world would be a very boring place. However, the question "what is the character trait every person should have?" is asked by many. In my opinion, confidence is the trait everyone should possess. I have selected three main points to support my opinion: Confidence helps you become a better person inside and out, your confidence shows others how to be confident with themselves, and with confidence, you can do things you thought you could never do.

The first point I would like to discuss is confidence helps you become a better person inside and out. Everyone in the world is self-conscious about something. There is always that little flaw that you just can't let go. Some people let that thought control their whole life by shielding themselves from the rest of society or thinking that they aren't capable of doing something. But, there is another way to live. Having confidence doesn't mean that you think you are perfect, it just means that you are okay with your flaws and are comfortable in your own skin. Confidence also keeps you from having to bring other people down to make you feel better about yourself. A lot of the bullies in the world have to make fun of others to build themselves up because they lack confidence. Once you gain confidence in yourself on the inside, you will beam on the outside and will most definitely attract people's attention.

Along with making yourself a better person, confidence shows others how to be confident with themselves. Have you ever heard the saying attitudes are contagious? Well, the saying has a lot of truth to it. If you go through life with a negative attitude, you will cause other people to become negative as well. However, if you have confidence in yourself and what you can do, your friends and family will gain confidence just by being around you. Your attitude affects so many people that you don't even realize. Showing your confidence to the world can result in a positive change for everyone. Also, as long as it's not overconfidence, it can create opportunities for you to make new friends and experience new things.

The last point is with confidence, you can do things you never thought you could do. How many times have you given up an opportunity because you were afraid? Those situations happen to millions of people everyday. When you have confidence, you are optimistic about your abilities and your gifts. You are able to do so much more when you are confident. Whether it's playing in a basketball game or singing at church, confidence helps you accomplish things that you could never do well without it. Of course, sometimes life is scary and it makes you nervous. Being nervous is something that everyone in the world can account for at least once in their life. But replacing it with confidence can make a world of difference, on the outside and also in your heart.

There are a lot of great character traits in the world. Confidence, in my opinion, is one of them. I believe that confidence is a character trait everyone should have. It not only gives you the drive to do something, it helps others too. By going into something with a strong, positive attitude, you give yourself a better chance at accomplishing your goal. With confidence, you can learn so many things about who you are inside and how you can use your confidence to conquer your wildest dreams.

Ideas/Content: 4

4-4-4-4

The writer conveys a clear opinion regarding confidence being the character trait that everyone needs to possess. The content is well focused throughout the response, and the reasoning is logical and compelling. The supporting examples are numerous and relevant.

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When was the last time you took an introspective look around you, imbibed the hustles and bustles of this life and contemplated who you are, who others are, and why we care? You may think to yourself, who has time for that? Thinking about yourself and others on a deeper level can actually be largely beneficial. Without open mindedness, many social movements would not have been brought to the light, there would be no room for creative flow, and people would not be able to relate to one another. These next few years for Juniors are essential in shaping who you are, and who you would like to become. Of all the traits a Junior should be striving for, open mindedness is the most momentous.

First of all, open minds have brought about many social movements in the past. Take women's rights for example, many believed women weren't even worth the time to be taught things like how to read, let alone vote and hold political positions. It takes an open mind to get past old taboos and social customs. More examples include, the abolishment of slavery, which eventually led to more like African American rights. Also the end of child labor and beginning of free public education was brought about by open minded individuals.

Secondly, open minds leave room for creative flow and new inventions. Most people would agree that we need painters, writers, musicians, philosophers and sociologists. They play a significant role in every one of our lives today. We would not have any painters and writers, ect. if we didn't have some open minds to create, imagine and then share their gifts and profound truths with the world. The world we live in today would be simply dull if it weren't for open mindedness. Many historically great pieces of art, music and books were created by people who were bold enough to free their minds and compose something magnificent.

Finally, open minded people can relate better to other individuals. When your mind is open to new ideas, you can use your imagination to put yourself in other people's shoes which enables you to relate and have more empathy for others in grave situations. There would be less fights this way because people would be able to see the other person's point of view. You may be more open to new kinds of unique friendships if you free up your mind and let go of prejudices.

So you see, if everyone thought they didn't have time to be open minded and inventive, the world would lose its zest. Without open mindedness, many social movements would not have been brought to the light, there would be no room for creative flow, and people would not be able to relate to one another. So next time you have a spare moment, take a while to create or contemplate the world you live in, and how it could change.

Ideas/Content: 4

4-4-4-4

The writer conveys a clear opinion regarding the need to be open minded. The content is well focused on this character trait, and the writer provides logical and compelling reasons to convince the reader that we all need to be more open minded. The three main supporting examples are thoroughly developed and relevant.

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As an individual isn't it essential for you to be able to be yourself and not be judged for what you are not? Someone's character greatly defines who they are as a person. It shows what they're capable of and what type of self drive they endure. How they are seen to others and the motivation they have in life. There are many different types of traits a person could have to make them ideal. But one trait I believe everyone should possess is prominent work ethic. I believe everyone should have prominent work ethic because it helps set motivation for life, helps a person succeed farther in life, and it makes you a more reliable person for people to count on.

Most importantly, I believe this because by having a good work ethic it helps set motivation for life. People tend to take the easy way out in life and not try to keep moving forward when things get challenging. But a person that has good work ethic is more willing to get tasks done and the thought of wanting to do well motivates them to do better. The motivation to move forward and constantly do your best will be set at higher standards with a good work ethic. It will come easier too. Having good work ethic will make the thought of working and doing things much more appealing. Motivation is key.

Additionally, I believe prominent work ethic is an essential trait in an individual because it helps a person succeed farther in life. Someone with good work ethic is more around well liked in the working environment. If you have excel work ethic you have a greater chance to move up to better jobs and schools. You will get opportunities to do something more than someone with a weak work ethic and you will go much further in everything you do. The chances you'll get to make more money or participate in more fun of things increase. Everybody likes a person that does well at their job and has the motivation to constantly excel in what they do. Its one of the main things to pride yourself upon as you grow up.

Lastly, I believe everyone should possess this trait because it makes you a more reliable person to count on. If someone had the choice between hiring somebody for a job that has no good skills and is lazy over someone who does well in whatever they do, never stops trying and gives their all who do you think they'd choose? Obviously the second choice right? Someone who works hard everyday and doesn't slack off makes them a much more reliable person to count on in anything. People look for those types of traits when finding help, or hiring for a job, even when choosing what students to accept to attend their colleges. This single trait can make things a lot easier for a person and help them go so much further in life.

In conclusion, I believe each individual should possess prominent work ethic as their ideal trait because it will motivate you in every way in whatever you aim to achieve, it will help you succeed in so much more than you think throughout life, and people will look at you as the perfect person to turn too when hiring for a job or attending a specific college. When looking at a way to improve your own traits, I would highly suggest working on improving work ethic and your motivation. It will get you far in the future.

Ideas/Content: 3

3-3-3-3

The writer conveys a general opinion about the need for a prominent work ethic. The content is generally focused on three main reasons the writer believes a strong work ethic will help you get ahead in life. The reasoning is logical and somewhat convincing, but it is not compelling. The supporting examples are adequate and relevant, but more general.

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Can you tell a good person from a not so good person? Which one do you like to put yourself around more? A few character traits I believe everyone should possess is honesty, respect, and self determination. All these traits are important to daily interactions for high schoolers that will be carried out through college.

The first trait I believe is important to possess is having honesty. By having honesty as a trait, it'll be more easy for people to believe you. Any conversation you have with your peers will be simple to have without any occurring conflicts later. Having an honest trait, will make your friends, teachers, and family obtain trust in you. This is also important because trust makes connections, therefore you would have people to go to if you actually needed help with serious problem you may have going on. There is always a time in your life when you cannot get through something by yourself and if you describe a situation to a friend, they'll understand and try to help you get through the tough time.

A second trait that is beneficial to possess is respect. To give respect, you get respect. If you are treating people with respect, they'll take that into consideration and most likely do the same for you. You should never look down on someone. For the straight-forward reason of its simply rude and no matter what you think, you really don't know their story. Everyone that receives your admiration will think of you with good thoughts and only have positive effects of how you are looked at as a person. Another way of respect is self respect. Not only should you present this to others, you should give yourself respect also. Including this within yourself you gain confidence. Confidence gives you the great feeling of being a good person and knowing your well taken care of.

The final trait I believe is meaningful is self-determination. To be composed of self-determination you'll receive good grades. The saying "you can do whatever you want with your life, but its your decision on how you want to get there" that you always get lectured by your parents is true. You don't always want to think about it, but it is. Being focused on whats important will get you exactly what you deserve. Focusing on grades will effect the outcome of what kind of job you will inquire, car, house, and many more possessions. Of course, you know what you would like to have in the possessions you obtain so knowing that you can work as hard as you can and get exactly what you want. Also, having the thought that you earns all those valuable objects makes you feel accomplished about yourself.

In conclusin, it's not that difficult to tell who's a good person and who's a not so good person. The traits to include in a person is what makes how you are towards everybody you will ever come across. The traits I believe are important traits to have is honesty, respect and self-determination. Possessing good traits leaves a memorable effect on the person and positive things will come out of it.

Ideas/Content: 3

3-3-3-3

The writer conveys a general opinion about three separate character traits that everyone should possess. The content is generally focused on the need to have honesty, respect, and self-determination rather than sharply focused on any one character trait. While the supporting examples for each idea are adequate and relevant, the development of a strong convincing opinion for any one of the three character traits has not been achieved. The reasoning is logical and somewhat convincing for each of the three traits.

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A trait every person should have is confidence, with this trait anything is possible whether its sports, a math test. If you dont have confidence the out come wont be as good as it could be with confidence. You have to believe in yourself to get things you want, fame, success, money. You have to work at it, and it goes along ways if you just believe in yourself.

Confidence is more mental than physical. If you believe you can, and you push yourself and try you will succeed. Success is not handed down from generation to generation its earned. Every successful person has put their time and patience into something and they have worked through it from day one to get were they are today.

How bad do you want it? How hard are you willing to push yourself in order to meet your goals. How early are you willing to wake up to put the extra work in to become that much better? Some people have to work harder than others to get better, but hard work beats talent when talent stops working hard.

Everything has to do with confidence such as working hard. Getting tackles in football, take downs in wrestling, or asking your boss for a raise. You have to believe in yourself from the very beggining. If you dont believe in yourself your odds of success decrease dramaticly.

Confidence is needed in everything you do. When your in doubt just believe in yourself, confidence gets you a long way. Hard work and confidence are a perfect mixture. If you believe you can, and you believe in yourself you can overcome any odds.

Ideas/Content: 2

2-2-2-2

The writer conveys a limited opinion about confidence. The content digresses from the main idea of the need for confidence, to a discussion of working hard. The shift in focus causes some confusion to the reader as to the central idea. While the reasoning is somewhat logical and convincing, the writer's opinion that confidence is an essential character trait is not adequately supported with enough examples or reasoning.

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Everyone has character traits that make you who you are today. Everyone's different so everyone has different traits. These are what make you unique and what is important in your life, but there's that one trait that I think everyone should possess. That trait is self-determination.

This trait is very essential because self-determination is everything. I personally think if you don't have self-determination what do you have? Self-determination helps you become motivated to finish what you started until the very last bit is done.

Self-determination also gets you motivated to do the best you can do and achieve your highest potential. With self-determination you could become the A+ student your parents always wished for and the person you dreamed about being. You could get into one of the best colleges ever! All you need is self-determination.

Now you know why I say self-determination is the best of the best trait to possess. It's something you should have in the future. I know I possess it, will you?

Ideas/Content: 2

2-2-2-2

The writer conveys a limited opinion about the need for self-determination. While the content does generally stay focused on the topic, the supporting examples are limited in their development and the reasoning is only somewhat logical and convincing.

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If you were to lie to me I would not be happy. In this essay I will tell you why I think honesty is the best pollicy, why I hate liers.

I think honesty is the best pollicy because of a few reasons. One is because lieing gets you nowhere in life. The second reason is because honesty can help you overcome great things.

I hate liers because you cant trust them. When I catch someone lieing I always confrunt them about it. If yu cant trust them it is hard to be friends with them and I like to be friends with everyone.

In the longrun liers can go die in a hole.

Ideas/Content: 1

1-1-1-2

The writer conveys little opinion about honesty being the best policy. This response has few if any supporting examples, as the reasons the writer gives are vague and not elaborated adequately. The reasoning is unclear or missing.

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Somebody that is unique I would have to say my friend because he helps me out with a lot of things and I think he is unique because he has the answers to everything that I ask him. The first time I met Jordan I would tell him something and he would tell my other friend Cody, but he doesn't do that anymore because we grew in our relationship. So now you know my friend Jordan and why I think he is unique. One person who is NOT trustworthy or unique is Cody. I mean he is a friend to me and I am proud to call him that, but if you tell him anything that is private or something you don't want anybody to know about he always ends up telling somebody or his parents and then his parents call my parents and then I get in trouble. So what I am saying is be careful what you tell your friends and you know who I think is unique and who's not.

Ideas/Content: 1

1-1-1-1

The writer conveys little opinion about the topic, and the central idea as to a character trait is unclear and confusing. The content appears to digress and lacks development of supporting ideas. The reasoning is unclear.

Organization

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If there was one character trait that everybody shared, what would be the best one to share? It can be frustrating when not everyone shares the same character trait. It would make life a lot easier if people were patient. Everyone would get along better and cooperate. Patience is an ideal trait that everybody should possess because it allows people to communicate, work together, and maintain relationships.

First, patience is a trait all people should possess because it allows people to communicate. Especially in today's world, communication is very important. People can be in contact within seconds at almost any time of the day. Without patience, it is extremely difficult for people to communicate and get along. Although communication is almost instant, talking in person, talking on the telephone, and texting all require patience. When talking in person and on the phone, it is important to hear what the other person has to say. Because it cuts off the other person, it is not effective to blurt out something and interrupt the speaker. It is aggravating to be interrupted, and it is hard to have a conversation with someone who is impatient. Intolerant people will get anxious or worried if they call someone and that person does not answer. Many people who are not patient start to get upset when they do not instantly receive a text back from the person they just texted. Clearly, everyone needs patience to communicate.

Next, patience is an ideal trait to possess because it lets people work together. Working together in groups or in an office can sometimes be a difficult task. Some members rush others to do their part of the job, and this can easily upset people. If a person expects too much out of somebody, they will become impatient and this can create problems. The interaction between a teacher and a student also takes patience. For instance, writing an essay takes patience. Although there is obviously a deadline for any given essay, the student needs to take his/her own time to complete the essay, and the teacher needs to respect the amount of time the student needs. In contrast, students have to be patient with teachers. Teachers have multiple responsibilities, and they have many papers to grade. Students need to understand this and give time for them to correct their papers. Thus, patience is an important trait that everybody should possess.

Finally, everyone should be patient because it allows people to maintain relationships. It is essential to be patient in any type of relationship. Stubborn people can be very irritating to put up with. Relationships with parents, friends, and boyfriends/girlfriends are all different. Especially when kids are young, parents need a lot of patience for their children. It is a difficult task to take care of everything for a child, and it takes a lot of patience. Vice versa, kids definitely need more patience with their parents. Children often want everything they see, and they want it immediately. Friends are going to upset each other, and it takes patience to remain friends through the conflicts. A relationship with a girlfriend/boyfriend requires patience. They usually expect each other to be perfect, but it is important to stay calm and talk things out. These three types of relationships are the same in one way because they all require patience. Hence, patience is a character trait all people should possess.

In summary, all people should be patient. Patience allows people to communicate because sometimes it takes longer than they expect to get a message back from the other person. Working together requires patience because people often do not understand why it takes a different person longer than it takes them. It is crucial to have patience because without it, relationships will fall apart. If there was one character trait that could be taught in the future, I would want it to be patience.

Organization: 4

4-4-4-4

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is effective in this response about patience. While introductory transitions between paragraphs are more functional, more sophisticated internal transitions are used effectively to connect the ideas within the body of the paragraphs. Pacing is well-controlled and paragraphing is sound. A strong summary conclusion restates the writer's position and effectively reiterates the main points of the essay.

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What makes humans special, besides that we can think for ourselves, is the fact that everyone is a complete individual. No two people are exactly the same, from physical attributes to character traits. In the opinion of some, there are better and worse traits and attributes. For example, work ethic is a very valuable character trait, but one that not everyone possesses such a trait. Working hard is what it's all about, it will get you success, get you ahead in life, and could even make it more enjoyable. If everyone had a better work ethic than the world could potentially be more prosperous.

One thing everyone wants to do is to succeed, but without a good work ethic this is very difficult. Going to school, whether it is high school or college requires a lot of work and discipline, so work ethic is very important to a student. Another big part of students lives is athletics. If you wish to contend at a high school level you need to be very skillful at whatever position you are competing at, and to be good you need to practice, which means a lot of time sacrificed at the gym or practice fields. That is a lot of time that most student-athletes wont put in, only the ones with great work ethic will be the ones hitting the court outside of practice. If you aren't involved in sports chances are you are doing some other extra curricular activity, and if you want to be the best in that it takes the same thing, hard work and time.

As soon as you are done with school you are trying to get ahead in the world, get that next promotion, or that next pay raise. But to be worthy of that you need to show the people in charge that you have work hard and will always get ahead. People in charge of hiring are always looking for the someone who will give one-hundred and ten percent day in and day out, those kind of people are valued by society. If you had to pick someone to be your next boss, would you pick someone who is lazy and make you do all the work? Or would you pick someone that will always work hard try to share the load? People that work hard are often seen as leaders and have the best chance of getting ahead.

Life is short, so you might as well enjoy it right? One thing that is always frustrating to me is being behind, with no time to do anything fun or enjoyable. If you have good work ethic to get things done fast and right away you will have more free time to do what you want to do, whether it is the sport you perfected in high school, or something new you would like to try. If you start this pattern early you will continue these habits throughout your life.

The fact that everyone is different makes life interesting, some traits we see in other people we like, others maybe not as much, but one trait everyone can benefit from is work ethic. Success, getting ahead, and enjoyment is very important to most people. work ethic is key to those goals, and without it they could become very difficult to reach. If everyone had a good work ethic, i think it could solve a lot of problems.

Organization: 4

3-4-4-3

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is effective in this response about a strong work ethic. A strong and effective introduction grabs the reader's attention and clearly conveys the writer's opinion and sets up the main points of the essay. Pacing is somewhat well-controlled as the essay flows through each of the main points. Strong transitional phrases are used effectively to connect the ideas between paragraphs, and an effective conclusion restates the writer's position and opinion about work ethic as an important character trait. Paragraphing is sound.

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Each person has a set of character traits that make him or her a unique individual. A person could be humorous or self motivated. They could be very honest or super untrustworthy. Some people could have a very good work ethic, but then others could be the complete opposite. Everyone has different character traits. Those traits show what is important in a person's life or maybe even the choices he or she makes. One character trait I think everyone should possess is honesty. Without honesty, you don't go further in life. Why would you want to be known as a dishonest and untrustworthy person? If you are honest, you are trusted by your parents, teachers, and friends. Jobs will come easier. You also won't have to feel the guilt.

To start off, a lot of students and teenagers believe that lying is the way to go and the way out. "Maybe they will think I am cool now." Some teens feel that their life and what they own isn't cool enough for others. Maybe they don't have the coolest car or the most up-to-date items. So they feel that if they lie, others will accept them. What they don't realize is that sooner or later, everyone figures out the truth. When everyone starts to believe that you had been lying, they then categorize you as a liar. After that, it becomes harder for your teachers to believe that you actually left your homework at home or in your locker. Your parents don't believe you when you are telling the truth on why you got home late or why your room isn't clean. Your friends no longer believe you when you say you are going to Mexico or are getting the new iPhone. They double think about believing what you are saying because everyone knows that you are a liar.

Second, jobs will come easier if you have the character trait of honesty. When you are going to turn your applications in to the jobs you are hoping to work at and you have falsely put down your job history or what activities you are involved in, eventually the truth comes out. The boss will call your references and ask further questions. If it turns out that you had been lying about the information you wrote down in the application, the boss will immediately throw your application in the trash. The owner or boss of the business you are trying to work for, doesn't want to put their trust in a dishonest person. Getting a job might be a hard task to accomplish if you aren't honest.

Last, most teens believe that if they just tell this one lie, it will be fine. When in reality, you always have to follow up with another lie. One lie always leads to another. You also have to deal with the guilt of the lie. You never feel relieved because you are constantly worried about someone realizing that you had told a lie. You are also having to always think of the next lie that will get you through. The guilt and worries aren't worth a lie. If you just tell the truth, you will soon come to realization that it's a much easier route than lying.

Character traits show who you are and what is important in your life, whether the traits are good or bad. You know a person by if they are humorous or not funny at all. Some you may know by their work ethic. Maybe someone is very self motivated. Everyone has different character traits. The character trait that I believe to be the most important is honesty. You are trusted by your parents, teachers, and friends. It's easier to get hired for jobs, and you also don't have to live with the guilt of your lies.

Organization: 3

4-3-3-4

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is functional in this response about honesty. Functional transitions introduce each main idea in the body of the essay, and while some more effective internal transitions are evident at the beginning of the essay, more functional transitions control the elaboration within the paragraphs through the remainder of the response. Pacing is generally controlled, but as each new idea is introduced the development of those ideas becomes less, creating a somewhat uneven flow of ideas. Paragraphing is generally successful. A general summary conclusion reiterates the writer's opinion and restates the three main points of the essay.

Writing Topic

Each person has a set of character traits that make him or her a unique individual. These character traits show what is important in a person's life and the choices he or she makes.

Think about one character trait you believe everyone should possess. This trait could be honesty, self-determination, work ethic, or you may select one of your own choosing to write about.

Write a persuasive essay convincing another 11th grade student why this trait is essential. Provide a clear position by using details and examples to support your argument.

Being honest is the number one trait a person can possess. Many things will go well for you if you are honest. Likewise, there are serious implications to being dishonest.

On one hand, being honest is a great trait. Honest and trustworthy people are likely to have more friends than those who are dishonest. When people know they can trust you, they like to gravitate to those people. Being honest gets you farther in life as well. For example, if you are honest in the work place, it is possible that good things will happen, such as a promotion or a raise. There are endless rewards for doing something so simple that it should just be second nature to everyone.

On the other hand, being dishonest has many serious implications. Such as, losing people close to you. It is a simple fact of life that no one likes a liar. A classic case of this is the old folk story of the Boy Who Cried Wolf. After so many times of lying, nobody believed the boy when there actually was danger. In school or the work place it can get you a bad grade or even fired from your job.

These days, not many people are as honest as they should be. However, I chose to be and to surround myself with honest people. Because I know that honesty has many rewards. Also, I believe being dishonest gets you nowhere in life. My grandpa always used to tell me, "Honesty is the best policy." And I will always agree with that.

Organization: 3

2-3-3-3

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is present in this response about being honest. The functional structure is generally controlled with an introduction that conveys the writer's opinion and introduces the two main topics of honesty and dishonesty, and a conclusion that reasserts the writer's opinion. Somewhat functional transitions that connect the main ideas are evident. Pacing is generally controlled and paragraphing is generally successful.

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Self-confidence, something every human being should have in themselves. Self-confidence means believing in yourself in everything you do. This characteristic could help you with many things in life, things such as job interviews or being prepared for a test. If you have self-confidence you won't be weary on all of your decisions, you will be able to tell yourself "you can do this" or "I know that was the right thing to do."

Self-confidence is something I wish I had more of. I could go home and study for a test for hours and still feel anxious right before taking it. I am always psyching myself out, telling myself no. If I would just be more confident in what I am doing and in my skills, accomplishing a task would be that much simpler. Another thing would be people worrying about their imperfections.

Everyone hates to be judged, though everyone is. Give these people self-confidence in their looks, talents, smarts, or interests, and all of a sudden they wouldn't care what anybody else has to say because they know that they are sure of themselves.

One task that shows the development of self-confidence is driving. Imagine the first time you ever got behind the wheel. Sure there are some kids who just want to take off and go, but most kids are nervous and anxious the first time they drive. You are worrying about so many things at one time such as turning on your blinker, hands at ten and two, reading road signs, watching out for traffic, checking your mirrors, and you constantly have your parent nagging at you to do things differently. As you drive more often, your self confidence begins to grow. You aren't as tense at the wheel as when you first started.

Self-confidence is applied to many things in life. I wish I had more of it, and I wish others did too. If we all had more confidence, imagine the things we could accomplish. I think there would be many students getting passing grades just because they believed they could or people would be inventing useful tools left and right because they chose to follow an idea they had. With more self-confidence, we would have less second thoughts, less doubts. We would all be happy and feeling good about ourselves.

Organization: 2

3-2-3-3

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is limited in this response about self-confidence. The response is lacking a clear introduction and has a weak ending. Paragraphing is irregular and the ideas have been presented unevenly and in a somewhat random order. Transitions are weak and the pacing is somewhat inconsistent.

Writing Topic

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There are lot of character traits that make up a person. Some people are trustworthy and responsible. Others are well orginized and confident. All character traits are good but i belive one is better then the rest. And that would be confidence.

I think that confindence is one of the most important traits out there. Because it helps you out in many situations both socially and in life. With confidence you can accomplish many thigs in life and you could be a very succesfull person. Many of todays multi millioniers had lots of confidence to get out there and start there own company knot letting anything get in there way.

Confidence is something you build and learn to work with. It may seem hard at first but once you get used to it it wont be a problem. With confidence youll be abel to stand up for yourself and stand up for yourself and your belives. Youll be abel to make friends pretty fast and get along well with others. Peer presure wont be a problem when you have confidence. Because youll be abel to stand up for yoursrfl and let other people know of the problem and get it fixed with out truoble.

With confidence youll become a succesfull person. Because you wont be scared to fail. And youll learn from yout mistakes to do better and knot let people bring you down. Youll always have the will power to keep going even thoe you have failed. You knoe therell still be hope to succed and progress in life.

Organization: 2

2-2-2-2

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is limited in this response about confidence. While a weak introduction is evident, the main body of the essay appears to be a somewhat random, repetitive list of ideas with weak transitions that do not connect these ideas together. A clear conclusion is lacking. The pacing is inconsistent and the paragraphing is irregular.

Writing Topic

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One of the things a person must have is self confidence. This trait can really determine how a person acts around others. Self confidence is what makes it easy for a person to talk in front of a crowd. Without Self confidence there would be no good sport captains.

A person who has a lot of self confidence is not shy. This same person can tell jokes and hit the punchline right on the head, and when they miss it, they make something up and it ends up being just as funny. The self confident people in this world make things interesting.

People with self confidence can give amazing speeches. They do not stutter or stumble over words. When they get in front of people, they are cool as a cucumber. Their face is placid.

Self confidence shows through when an athlete is on the field.

Organization: 1

2-1-2-3

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is lacking in this response. Ideas are somewhat randomly presented without transitions to connect the ideas together. There is no ending to the essay. Pacing is awkward and the paragraphing is ineffective.

Writing Topic

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Write a persuasive essay convincing another 11th grade student why this trait is essential. Provide a clear position by using details and examples to support your argument.

I believe every person should possess responsibility. That way everybody will be doing their part in society. Like going to school obey authority and going to work. If you look at people like Obama and all the rich people. They made it there by being responsible. They do their job very well and get paid very well because they are responsible. If everybody woke up every morning and went to work in school and did excellent. Never did irresponsible things. Just did their part in work and home they will make it somewhere in life. Stop with all this irresponsible trouble in the world. Let's just move forward and become rich.

Organization: 1

1-1-1-1

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is lacking in this response about responsibility. Pacing is awkward, transitions are missing, and connections are unclear. Paragraphing is missing.

Voice / Word Choice

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Each person is unique in his or her own way. Even twins aren't exactly alike. Our different traits make up our character and how we function in society. Although many of these traits can be negative, positive or neither, there is one trait that if it were possessed by all mankind, would make our world a much better place to be. This trait is integrity. Integrity is doing the right thing even if there is no one watching. It is not cheating on your neighbor's quiz when the teacher is absent from the room. It is opening the door for a wizened, old lady. It is honesty and goodness wrapped together, which is definitely something to be valued.

I remember once when my mother had bought a some felt boxes that came with a shelf, the cashier counted those six boxes as one. When she came home and looked over the receipt, she realized his folly and went back to Target, paying the difference. This happened again and again, with her underpaying for some lemons or a carpet. But over and over again, she never wavered in her decision to do the right thing. This taught me a great deal about the meaning of integrity. It showed that integrity is being honest even if it harms you. Even if you stand to lose because of your decision, you decide to do what is right.

I know of many stories that show the value of people with integrity to employers. One such story was about a boy called Peter, who was working at a store and having a bad day. When he was adjusting a display, he accidentally broke a vase. His boss was very upset and fired him. The next day Peter went out looking for work. He stumbled upon a quaint shop and walked in, asking the man behind the counter if he was hiring. The man adjusted his glasses and said, yes, he was indeed looking for help. When he inquired of Peter's past job and reasons for leaving, Peter looked down at the floor. He didn't want to tell the truth because he knew it would hurt him. He fidgeted for a bit, then straightened his shoulders and looked the man in the eye with a clear gaze. "I broke the vase on a display. It was clumsy on my part, and my boss asked me to leave", Peter confessed. One of the man's customers happened to turn around at that very moment, and Peter's eyes widened as he recognized the man as his former boss. "If you do not hire the boy, I will take him back. I have never in my life encountered such honesty, and I would not hesitate", the customer said. The man behind the counter gazed at Peter for a long moment before holding out his hand and offering Peter twice as much money as he had earned previously. Peter shook the man's hand vigorously and agreed to be there the next morning at eight o'clock sharp. Employers seek desperately for a person they can trust.

In my own life, I have often failed to achieve this standard of integrity. I have cheated on quizzes or told my mom I practiced the piano for the amount of time she had told me to, when in reality this was not the case. After this, I always felt ashamed and guilty. But those few times that I truly did the right thing, like told a teacher that a question he had marked right on the quiz, I had actually gotten wrong. It is very rewarding to have that feeling of doing the right thing.

In conclusion, it is clear that having integrity will help not only those around you, like the businesses that underpaid you, but it will also help you. It will help you be a person who is trusted, respected and loved by people for the standard of excellence they can always expect from you. They can know that you will never cheat them, or spill their secrets or speak of them behind their back. This will give them a sense of security in your friendship. Lastly, integrity will give you the peace of mind humanity so desperately craves. You will know that where you are, is due to your efforts and not because of a rumor you spread about another employee so they wouldn't get the promotion or any other such things. You will be able to hold your head up, and walk with the dignity and honor that you have. This is better than any medal, do you not agree?

Voice/Word Choice: 4

4-4-4-4

The writer demonstrates a strong commitment to the idea that integrity is the one character trait that everyone should possess. The language is precise, varied, and engaging throughout the essay. A strong, persuasive voice is well suited for the purpose of convincing another high school student of the importance of integrity. The writer consistently anticipates the reader's questions and effectively relates the topic to life situations in a high school environment.

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Each individual person has millions of different traits that some may not even notice. Some lack traits that I personally believe are vital to the journey along the road of life, without too many potholes. It is not necessarily the individual's fault all the time, either.

Self-esteem seems to be a hard thing to come by. Confidence in one's self can be difficult to balance. With all of the pressures in the media to be stick thin, with no blemishes and the perfect, long hair, it's not surprising that teenage girls feel insecure about aspects of their body, and even sometimes personality. Teenage boys, although it seems untrue, go through lapses in confidence, too. With the pressures to build muscle and have toned 6-packs, it leads them to drastic choices just as much as with girls.

You cannot easily attain this trait on your own, though. From early childhood, a person absorbs feedback from family and peers and is given ideas, even through seemingly innocent programs, of what the "ideal" image and attitude is. For instance, I can remember growing up and constantly hearing about the "popular girl" in school. When playing pretend, it would often lead to spars over who was going to be "popular" and who was, well, just simply not. I can remember staying up late watching "Lizzie McGuire" (early 2000's, Disney Channel) and watching Lizzie (main character, portrayed by Hilary Duff) go through the struggles of high school with antagonist, Kate, always out to ruin it for her. Kate was considered to be the prettiest and most popular girl at their school. This kind of outlook was branded into my mind from an early age.

I got to high school and realized it is never going to be just one "popular" person. While some people are well known, I find that it is more about the competition to the top. There will always be someone better and because you see all of this "popular" mumbo-jumbo on television, you instantly assume they are out to get you. You start feeling like you just are never going to be good enough. But in reality, that person, no matter how happy they seem, thinks the same thing, too. It is all a competition.

If everyone had more confidence, I believe, contrary to my first thought about it, that we might live in a nicer world. You hear all the time that people put others down to make themselves feel better. If you already feel good, when will you have time for that? Why would it be necessary? You won't and it is never necessary!

In my opinion, I feel that schools should offer proper support for the self-esteem of teenagers. This hormonal, often difficult time in life, with changes in looks, feelings and life can be exhausting and draining. If schools implemented some sort of training for this, it could possibly save lives.

Voice/Word Choice: 4

3-3-4-3

The writer demonstrates a strong commitment to the belief that most high school students need self-esteem. The voice is well-suited for the purpose and audience, and the language is specific and engaging. The writer consistently anticipates the reader's questions.

Writing Topic

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Why are some people so unbelievably rude? "Excuse me" is a lot nicer and shorter than "Get out of my way!" It's not hard to learn and perform proper etiquette. Appropriate and proper etiquette is an essential trait in life. It can get you a job, provide you with great friends and gain respect from others.

Appropriate etiquette might get you a job someday. If you go into a job interview and are being very rambunctious and rude, then that employer probably won't hire you. It's simple things like shaking hands and saying hello. Sometimes it's hard to get a hello out of people. An employer would be very impressed if you had proper etiquette for a job interview and you would get a better chance at getting the job.

Also, appropriate etiquette can award you with great friends. If you use proper etiquette to a stranger, that person will probably have equal etiquette and will be a really nice friend. That person will always be kind and courteous to you as long as you are kind and courteous to them. They will respect and honor you just as you would respect and honor them.

If you use appropriate etiquette, you will gain respect from others. If someone has good etiquette then you will more than likely have respect for them. Someone that goes around calling others names and never saying thank you or excuse me won't gain any respect from other people. They are thought of as rude, arrogant and impolite. For example, a man bumps into a woman at a store and says, "Watch it!" or "Get out of my way!" When someone says that to someone else it is extremely rude and it'd be a lot nicer if they just said excuse me.

Appropriate and proper etiquette in life can help you make great friends, earn respect and get you hired for a job. Some people can be so rude sometimes. It's a lot easier to be nice and use proper etiquette, but some choose not to. The world would be a much better place if everyone practiced proper etiquette. Do you want to be a rude, uncaring person?

Voice/Word Choice: 3

3-3-3-4

The writer demonstrates a general commitment to the belief that appropriate and proper etiquette is an important character trait. While the voice is appropriate for the purpose, it is not particularly persuasive or convincing in tone. The language is generally specific and precise, but is somewhat repetitive throughout. The writer has generally anticipated the reader's questions.

Writing Topic

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People think you're all that? No, of course not you're not the best thing around but rather you have a lot of confidence! Confidence is the Key to having the right attitude towards doing whatever you want. People sometimes are really shy and can get around and are so scared to face reality. Confidence should be in everyone's blood because people think it's bad when you hide things from them.

Being well planted on this earth and knowing what you want is the key to getting around. Many students walk these halls with fear. They think just because they are freshmen and sophomores that they have to hide from the rest of the crowd. It doesn't have to be that way. When I was a freshman I was never one of the quiet ones, I would go out and hang out with a bunch of seniors.

It's self-determination and how far you would like to get that builds up confidence. Of course some people have that natural talent. Most of us aren't born with confidence, in fact none of us are. As you develop when you grow up you have plenty of fears. What makes it easy is to build confidence building confidence with benefits you in the long run. Places you go, people notice you and they can tell when you are shy or louder than a tiger!

I like to say that self-esteem is one of the greatest parts of being confident. You have the "I believe" statement in your heart. No more it's a matter of whether you should do something or wait. When you have the chance to do something great take the first step which is stepping up and actually acting grown up and maturing. People notice the confidence you have on your face and in the control and domain you have to not be scared of anything or even face your greatest threats and fears.

People should be born with the gift of confidence just because it's the main point to doing well in absolutely anything. Don't be shy around others step up and do what has to be done. None of this slacking of attitude and get to a positive one where you have confidence and control. Take the first step now before it's too late and you won't regret it.

Voice/Word Choice: 3

2-2-3-2

The writer demonstrates a general commitment to the topic of having confidence. The voice is generally appropriate for a high school audience, but is not particularly persuasive or convincing. The language is generally specific, and also somewhat varied and engaging throughout. The writer has generally anticipated some of the reader's questions.

Writing Topic

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Write a persuasive essay convincing another 11th grade student why this trait is essential. Provide a clear position by using details and examples to support your argument.

What is the most important character trait? There are a lot of traits a person can have but I think honesty is the best. Being honest isn't always easy, sometimes it can even hurt the other person but in the end it's always for the best.

To begin life can be full of hard choices and decisions. It can be easy for things to get mixed up and twisted. Sometimes being honest is the hardest thing to do, especially if you've lied about it before. Honesty can be hard because it might hurt someone's feelings or make the situation momentarily worse.

Furthermore I believe that honesty is one of the best character traits. It shows that a person is sincere and trustworthy. Nothing is worse than having someone you think is a friend only to find out that they are a liar. This is a trait essential for everyday life and will make you into a better person.

In addition to that if you're honest everything will work out for the best in the end. The saying, 'the truth will set you free' is one of the best quotes I have ever heard. It can be tricky just to say little white lies, or try to cover up the truth for some reason but you will always get caught in the lie in some way or another. It isn't easy sometimes but it always is best to own up to decisions and choices.

Therefore honesty is the best character trait. Sometimes it isn't easy to be honest. However it is essential for a balanced life. In the end things will all work out for the best anyways.

Voice/Word Choice: 2

2-3-2-3

The writer demonstrates a limited commitment to the topic of honesty. The language is only occasionally specific, precise and engaging. The voice is only sometimes appropriate for an 11th grade student audience. The writer anticipates few of the reader's questions.

Writing Topic

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Humor, the power to see or tell about the amusing side of things.

As an 11th grade student your going to experience various situations that require a sense of humor. In highschool your going to be talked about, mistreated, abused (to a certain limit nothing serious), and lots of other thing but as a highschool student you have to realize that, thats highschool. I say that every highschool student should have a sense of humor because highschool is post to be the most memorable time of your life, and if you take life to serious then your just missing out. Also, in highschool your going to hear alot of things that are suppose to insulting or hurtful. If your not able to just laugh the rude remarks off then it will continue to cause problems for you in the long run.

All in all, as an 11th grade student your going to experience various situations that are humorus. So have a sense of humor it can really help you through hughshool

Voice/Word Choice: 2

2-2-2-2

The writer demonstrates a limited commitment to the belief that a sense of humor is an essential character trait. The language is only occasionally specific and the voice, while somewhat appropriate to the audience, is limited. The writer anticipates few of the reader's questions.

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here are three best character traits

not lieing i thank that not lieing is one of the best traits because if you lie to people you will loss firends and then the next time you try telling them the turth they wont belive you so your better off not lieing.

my second trait is being happy beause when your happy your most likely to get more friend and more people would wont to hang out with you then when your not happy peolpe tend to leave you alone and less friend you will have

my three trait is loveing. when your a loveing person you tend to show that you love and care for people or thing and when your loveing and care people with respet you more

Voice/Word Choice: 1

1-2-1-1

The writer demonstrates little commitment to the topic. A somewhat basic language is not specific or engaging, and the writer mostly fails to anticipate the reader's questions. The voice is inappropriate for the purpose.

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Honesty

Personally, I think that every single student should be honest with all the people, so they can trust each other and have a better time together.

If you trust a person, you feel really good, because you know that he/she is not going to fail you. Seriously, I am sure that we would have really good times if we quit being stupid to each other and start giving them confidence and true words.

Voice/Word Choice: 1

1-1-1-1

The writer demonstrates little commitment to the topic honesty. The voice is inappropriate for the purpose and audience. Language is not precise, varied nor engaging. The writer fails to anticipate the reader's questions.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions

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Sitting in class one day, the teacher announces that you have a test. Your stomach drops into your feet because you realize you forgot to study. You ask the person sitting next to you if they remembered, and they tell you no, but they are not worried. When the test is administered, you glance over at the person next to you to see them copying the answers of the person in front of them. All humans are unique and have unique character traits. Of all good human traits, like honesty, self-determination, and work ethic, there is one that all human beings should have. Every person should always be responsible for themselves and their actions.

If everyone was responsible for their actions, criminals would be more easily discovered and punished. Criminals would admit to what they had done and take responsibility for them. Stolen items could be recovered easily; the people who stole them easily punished. In kidnapping cases, criminal responsibility could even save lives. Criminals admitting their crimes would cause the number of unsolved murder cases to drop. In addition, criminal responsibility could eliminate false accusations. Because of that, time spent investigating and time spent in court would both be reduced. Red herrings, dishonesty, and distractions would scamper out of the courtroom. Responsibility for one's actions would keep criminals off of the streets.

Relationships between friends, family, and significant others would improve with individual responsibility. In relationships, lying is like the plague; it affects every part of the relationship causing significant damage. With individual responsibility, people would be unable to lie to one another, or, if they did, they would take responsibility and admit to it. Because it would be impossible to lie, it would also be impossible to have an affair. One could meet another lover only once before having to let their rightful partner know about it. This would give the couple a chance to work things out, or at least the chance to try. Verbally abusive family or friends could not deny their abusive natures. Indeed, they would be forced to confront it, causing them to at least attempt to change their ways. Individual responsibility would instantly improve relationships.

Students' responsibility would cause schools to be more fair. People would acknowledge cheating on tests and assignments. During group projects, someone that did not do their fair share of the work would admit to it and be the only one punished, thereby protecting the student rights of the other group members. Student responsibility would also improve students' relationships with each other. To illustrate, theft from lockers would virtually disappear. Bullies would also be forced to change the ways in which they behaved. Student responsibility provides a fair school environment.

The student sitting next to you receives an A on the test, while you receive a D. You tell your teacher after receiving your scores, but because the quarter has already ended, the grade cannot be changed. Responsibility for oneself and one's actions is a character trait everyone should have. Personal responsibility would insure that criminals could be discovered and punished more easily and quickly. It would also improve interpersonal relationships. In addition, schools would be more fair and students' rights would be protected. All humans should be responsible for themselves and their actions.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 4

3-4-4-4

Sentences vary in length and structure throughout this essay about responsibility. Phrasing consistently sounds natural and conveys meaning. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling are consistently correct.

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While there are many traits that could be exceedingly helpful in having a successful and meaningful life, self-determination is absolutely necessary. Self-determination is essential because it provides a foundation for other traits or abilities to push off of even if they are lacking. It can also assist in the completion of long tasks that would simply wear down the tolerance of someone with an absence of determination. Similarly, lacking self-determination can nearly void any positive capabilities.

Firstly, self-determination is essential because even if someone is almost completely devoid of all other natural skills or traits they can overcome it. This task would not be an easy one, but the person could still work through the hardships associated with it. Self-determination would allow the someone to push themselves to learn skills and adapt over time to their shortcomings.

Similarly, self-determination is important because it will help someone finish lengthy tasks that could break the will of someone without it. Things like school or business ventures can take many years of hard work, but in the end come with great rewards that are worth every bit of hardship that they took to complete. Whether it be completing college and earning knowledge which allows someone to work in a field that is fulfilling to them, or opening a restaurant and living out a lifelong dream, no one could accomplish these without some amount of determination.

Lastly, without self-determination even a magnitude of skills or personal traits that would otherwise give someone the potential to be very successful, would then fall short because the lack of motivation would prohibit the use of their traits. A lack of determination would be particularly tragic in this situation because it would be the only thing holding back someone that would otherwise have the potential to be exceptionally successful.

No matter the circumstance, self-determination can be the defining factor for success. The lack thereof can be the one major hindrance that condemns someone to failure. Self-determination can allow someone to overcome massive obstacles, or live to the fullest extent of their potential. That is why the possession of self-determination is absolutely essential.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 4

3-3-4-4

Sentences vary in length and structure throughout this response about self-determination. Phrasing consistently sounds natural and conveys meaning. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling are consistently correct.

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People all over the world each have many different traits, whether it's courage, honesty, responsibility, self-determination, work ethic, organization, etc. All character traits are important, but the most important one of all is to have is courage. A person who is courageous doesn't care what people think about them. They always work hard and strive for the best. Everyone in the world should have Courage as their main trait.

Courage is not only having the ability to withstand danger. It means doing something that you are scared of, accomplishing it and having people look up to you. Many things in life take courage to be accomplished. Going bungee jumping from a bridge takes courage. Diving from a 50-foot cliff into the dark cool ocean takes courage. Practicing hours in the gym shooting hoops also takes courage because it takes a true person to work hard for something they want badly.

Courage helps someone stand up for themselves and others. It can be having the courage to stand up for someone who is getting bullied. It can also be, being courageous and standing up to present a speech with confidence. Someone who is courageous is rarely scared, they have the guts to try hard. If they don't succeed, the next time they try even harder. Anyone who doesn't have courage is always thought of as a lonely and scared person. No one looks up to a person who isn't courageous.

Life is all about being courageous. It takes courage to go through highschool having to present in front of class and graduating too. Life is about being courageous because after graduating highschool teenagers have to start being independent and responsible adults. Courage is all about persevering and forgetting about danger. To be courageous in life is to not be asking people to do stuff for you but for you to have the guts to do it on your own. People who are courageous always strive for the best. They use all their energy for what they want.

Living your life with many character traits is important for everyone to have. The most important character trait is courage. Standing up for a person being bullied, or jumping from a 50-foot cliff into the ocean, even having the guts to be independent takes courage. Courage is all about forgetting and letting go of your fears and striving for the best. To be successful you need to have courage. To be someone who people look up to takes courage and guts. Everything about life takes courage.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 3

3-3-3-3

Sentences generally vary in length and structure in this response about courage. Phrasing generally sounds natural. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling are usually correct and the errors that are evident do not distract the reader.

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My grandfather was always a hard worker. He would always go into the fields and be out there for hours only coming back home to eat. He wanted to work the hardest he could when he was young so he could be sitting under a tree in the shade in his own home when he had no more energy to work. He always told me to be a humble person and work hard. Being a hard worker is very essential in life because it gets you a job, pays the bills, and gives you a better life.

First of all, being a hard worker can get you a job in almost any place of the world. Most employers look for people who are dependable and people that work hard! When others see that you have a lot of potential they start to realize that you are very important. They will want to keep you in their business. If you work harder than everyone else then it might just get you that manager position in a job. So it is very important that you are always working hard because you never know when your boss might be watching.

Second of all, working hard pays the bills. If you don't work you won't have any money to pay your bills or rent. Also, like I mentioned before you might be offered a position where you have more authority and make more money. Then you can pay your bills and still have some money left over to buy yourself some stuff. Maybe you can get the car you always wanted or get a house of your own instead of living in an apartment. It is always nice to have extra money that you can save or use!

Finally, it gives you a better life! After you have retired and you look back at how hard you worked you become amazed of all the things you have accomplished. Thinking to yourself, "Man, I practically built this house all by myself throughout my life working hard and giving it all I had". You know you don't have to worry about anything but enjoying the rest of your life. Working hard does not only repay you at the end of your life but also in the beginning because you become more mature and self-determined.

Being a hard worker is very essential in life because it gets you a job, pays the bills, and gives you a better life. Being a hard worker will get you almost any job. It will pay your bills and rent. Also, it will give you a great feeling once you accomplish all your goals in life. So like my grandfather once said, work hard and be a humble person so that by the end of the day you can be sitting under a tree in the shade on the property of your own home.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 3

3-3-3-3

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Imagine your self not doing your work around the house, at work, or at school. Things would never get done and it will effect the way you live. Many people need to learn to rely on them selves. People have self-reliance to get farther in life. The main point is you will get objectives done around the house, at work and at school if you are working and at school at the same time.

If you never do anything around the house nothing will get done. The key to having self reliance starts where you live. Everything starts from where you live if people do not practace it at home it wont go anywhere else. If anything needs to be fixed, do it right away to get it done so it doesnt get worse and bother you later. The lack of reliance will follow into work and will lead to problems.

In the work place if the boss tells an employee to do a task they need to do it. Self-reliance is needed where ever people go, to become successful in everyday life. Say if someone wanted to get a raise and they didnt do as much work, that isn't responsible, if someone wants a raise take that extra work and do it. Most people want to be succesful in life but that is the extra step people need to take. That leads into school to.

People that are studying in school need to put that extra effort into it if they want to be successful. If you dont work solidly in school and you want to be successful, you would have a less chance of reaching the goal of success. the self-reliance is also needed with home work for example, the school has block scheidule and you have classes everyday most people would put of the homework the night before but people need to rely on themselves and no one else to not procrastinate and do it the night you get it. This character trai will follow you where ever you go.

This is all learning about self-reliance. So if you have some objective to do from work to home or at school, get it done if you want tot be successful. Take an extra step and make it easy later on. People need self-reliance to get farther in life.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 2

3-3-2-2

Sentences occasionally vary in length and structure in this response about self-reliance. Some awkward phrasing is evident, and only occasionally sounds natural. Run-on sentences sometimes cause confusion. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling errors may distract the reader.

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I think the trait that everyone should have is self-determination. this trait is important because it makes you want to do things. It helps with everything in life, from school work to sports. It will be needed for all your life, always being tested. Self-determination is i belive the best trait to have.

it helps you because it gives you a reason to do something. Without this trait you would never feel like finishing your homework or that big paper. You would also not do good in sports, you would want all the glory and not any pain. Its hard to win when you don't practice good. I also at work when you show good self-determination and get all your stuff done, you might get a raise or promotion, and theres nothing wrong with that.

it also helps you become a better person. would you rather follow leader that doesn't care what happens or one that is putting all his heart and soul into the groups work? showing self-determination makes people want to follow you, they want to make you their role-model. it also gives you perciverince, when the work gets tough but you want the reward and have the self-determination to get their it feels good in the end.

the best trait to have, I belive , is self-determination. it gives you the drive to finish what you start. it makes people see that you are a hard worker. It also makes you a better person allaround. this is why I think that the best trait to have is the trait of se lf-determination.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 2

2-2-2-2

Sentences occasionally vary in length and structure in this response about self-determination. Phrasing occasionally sounds natural. While sentences are mostly correct, a few run-ons are sometimes confusing to the reader. Many grammar, usage, and punctuation errors distract the reader.

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Have you ever been boldely in your life? will i have but i think people should be nice to other and not being mean to others. I think what we can do to stop it and how to treat people with kinds, caring about each other and how to change people from mean to kind. Well how can we change people feeling?

Have you ever try to change someone? Everly day people getting hurt because some being mean to them or worst they could die. Well i think we can all start and try giving some what they or tell some thing nice to them, they mite be nice back. If that doesn't work have a grown-up talk to them. People can change there ways but not all the time. But it all come down to if people could get a long. Will how peolpe could care about each other?

Have any one care about you when you get hure? Well everly one have someone who they care for it could a member of the family or a friend. When people get sick there parents take care of them and most of the time a friend will make or buy a card for there friend. When a family member is in the hostbile, hole or most of the family who can be here will be with that family member. When a family is play a game they some time, they with let the little kids win be because they dont want the kids to get upset. if they do they get some thing for them. how wil you treat people with kinds?

have you ever got some thing from some one else?

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 1

1-1-2-1

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Everyone should possess happiness everybody should always be happy. If you are never happy life as you know it will be boring. Then if you are always being sad you will be boring. Life will be exciting

One reason is that if you are happy life will be exciting. You will do fun and exciting things. You will have a fun and exciting live you do things you woudnt expect yourself to do. If you have a happy life you will have happy things happen to you. If you are happy all the time people will treat you better.

If teens life a happy life they will get good things with happiness. They will have something good happen to them.

If you werent happy live would be boring.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 1

1-1-1-1

Sentences seldom vary in length and structure in this response, and run-on errors often confuse the reader. Phrasing sounds awkward and unnatural. Numerous grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling errors distract the reader throughout this somewhat brief essay.