

I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again. Confucius



Complimentary Paragraph



You will be writing a paragraph describing one of your classmates in a positive manner. The dictionary definition and denotation of the word *advocate*: *n.* one that supports or promotes the interests of another. What is the connotation of that word? It means so much more. In a quick write, discuss your connotation of the word advocate.

Our goal this year will be to improve the world. We will do this together by preparing you for your future in a positive and productive way. This assignment is our first step towards accomplishing that goal. You will become a classmate's advocate.

You will be an advocate for your assigned person. You will write a paragraph so glowing and complimentary that this person is almost embarrassed to be praised so strongly in front of his or her peers. Too often we never say words or do those things that promote people to feel truly fantastic about themselves.

It is truly important that you are responsible with this assignment. If you have to drop this class, I still expect you to write the paragraph and hand it to me **BEFORE** the next class meeting. Your classmate is relying on you to be his or her advocate to the rest of the class.

1. You will interview your partner verbally. Your job is to ask the questions and take notes.
2. Remember each of us is special and unique. You need to convey this to the class the next time we meet.
3. It is all right to embellish or stretch the truth a bit.
4. Write a paragraph in which you introduce your partner, and give them a positive adjective of description in your topic sentence.
5. Use MLA Format
6. This paragraph should be approximately one minute long when you read it aloud.
7. You will read these tomorrow.
8. Here are a list of questions that may be used:
 - What makes you a good friend?
 - Name your most recent act of generosity.
 - What three positive words could someone use to describe you?
 - What books have you read recently?
 - Who is one of your heroes?
 - What is your dream job?
 - What qualities do you value in a friend?
 - What have you struggled to overcome?
 - What do you like most about yourself?
 - What color describes you best? Why?

- What's your favorite movie? Song? Video game?
- What is something you do well?
- What is the farthest location you have ever traveled to?
- If you did not live here, where would you like to live?
- If you had 10,000 dollars to give to charity, which one would you choose?

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Kayla Traverso

Wielding a natural heart of gold, Kayla recently contributed to the Special Olympics by lending her inspiring and strategic coaching skills to those participating. Although the heart she contains holds much more, and given the chance to donate \$10,000 to a charity, she would give it to a cancer foundation in a heartbeat. Her honesty to her friends is to that of the patiently bold moon in our glimmering night skies. It is present in moments of darkness guiding those back to the light of the waking day's sun, while she is in search of those that she can confide in. As the heroine in her life, Kayla's mother has instilled moral excellence into her. Kayla beholds the powers of being friendly, courteous, and respectful to the world that embraces her. Her creativity does not cast shadows over her other strengths. Instead, it helps her excel in areas such as softball, where she hits the ball across the chilling seas, which she hopes to travel over many times to learn and partake in other cultures. The color that represents her from all aspects is a light hue of green, because it is simplistic and healthy. To ease her pacing mind, she will play her favorite song "Push" by Matchbox Twenty, or pick up *The Book Thief*, and let the poetic sequences of words drown out her thoughts. No matter where she has been, like New York, or where she is going to travel like France, Kayla would be proud to call the diverse city of San Diego her home.

Complimentary Paragraph Evaluation

Requirement	Possible Points	Earned Points	Comments
Evidence of notes taken while interviewing your partner	10		
A Complimentary Paragraph written in MLA format	30		
The paragraph is one minute long when read aloud	10		
The paragraph describes your partner in a positive manner	20		
Total	<u>70</u>		