

Paragraph Writing--Character Analysis

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When we describe a person we know, we generally base our description of him on his looks, actions, speech, and the reactions of others to him. Carefully read through this essay describing George, and notice how the writer proves to you his opinion that his brother is bossy.

My brother George is pushy. Ever since we were kids sharing the same bedroom, I have had to endure his rambling lectures on the topic of my life. When I wanted to go out for soccer, he dissuaded me, saying that I would never meet girls that way, and pushed me instead into going out for football. When I didn't make the cut for the team, he talked me into getting a part-time job at the video store, so that I could save up my money and help him buy a beaten up 1985 Jeep Cherokee he had had his eye on. When I graduated from high school, I wanted to study architecture at the University of California in Berkeley, but George convinced me that our mother and father would miss me too much if I went so far away, so I stayed in Madison and got a degree as a draftsman from MATC. Now George is out in San Francisco, living in a plush condominium and working as an architect. I'd like to go out there and see that Golden Gate Bridge, but I can't seem to save up enough. George says it's just as well, because I would probably just blow all my money on sightseeing. I wish I had never listened to that big know-it-all in the first place.

endure: put up with

dissuaded me: talked me out of (opposite of "persuaded")

draftsman: the person who draws up the architect's plans

EXAMINING THE ESSAY:

Character Analysis essay
"The Veldt"

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Use this sheet to plan your essay. Write the final version on another paper, using the specified format, and staple it to this sheet when you turn it in.

DUE DATE: _____

Choose one of the characters from "The Veldt" to discuss in a one paragraph essay:
(Circle one)

- George
- Lydia
- Peter
- Wendy

1. Major personality trait of this character:

2. 3-5 specific examples from the book that illustrate this character trait:
(things the character does or says, or that others say about him/her, that show this character trait)

a)

b)

c)

d)