

Use this worksheet to help you formulate some ideas for your writing.

### The Personal Writing Worksheet

Five adjectives that describe me best: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Three of my strengths: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Three of my weaknesses: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Three major experiences that have shaped me:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these experiences reveals something essential about me? \_\_\_\_\_

What is that something? \_\_\_\_\_

Three individuals who have strongly influenced me:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these individuals would help me reveal who I am? \_\_\_\_\_

How and why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The most important point I want to make is: \_\_\_\_\_

The effect I want to have on the reader is: \_\_\_\_\_

I want the tone of my writing to be:

serious       humorous       narrative       descriptive       expository       other

My draft thesis statement: \_\_\_\_\_

My draft opening sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My draft concluding sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

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