# *Descriptive Writing: An Interesting Person*

Write a 600-800 word description of an interesting person whom you know or have known personally.

**How to make your description clear, vivid, and interesting:**

Open the piece by setting your chosen person in a characteristic place and, perhaps, performing a characteristic activity. Make the setting a means for revealing the character’s personality.

Describe the whole person, personality as well as appearance.

Remember that your description should not be exhaustive, or you will exhaust your reader! Focus on *key* details of physical appearance, posture, gesture, movement, voice, and *key* personality traits.

* Try writing a single sentence that states the key perception you want your reader to have of the person:

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Then, ensure that all the details in your description contribute to that key perception. (This single sentence need not appear in the finished piece. Alternatively, it could be used effectively as a concluding statement!)

Again, avoid directly expressing your own opinions or feelings about the person, *especially* if it is someone to whom you feel very close. Don’t tell the reader about your emotions; instead, *show* him/her how you feel through your choice and arrangement of words, images, and details.

**Workshop dates:** Tuesday, September 26 & Thursday, September 28

**Due Date:** Friday, September 29