

Grade 9 Life Orientation Worksheet

Positive personal qualities - Creative writing

There are many people who inspire and motivate us. Think of a person you know of who inspires and motivates you. It could be a well-known international figure, such as Nelson Mandela, who has inspired the whole world. It could be a South African athlete such as Oscar Pretorius or Natalie du Toit who has competed internationally and won, despite physical disabilities. It could be a singer like Brenda Fassie or Mandoza. Or the person who inspires and motivates you could be someone closer to home, such as the head boy or girl at your school, or even one of your parents.

Choose a person who is successful despite difficult circumstances. Then write an essay about that person. First say who the person is, then describe what it is that this person has done that is so inspiring. Lastly, identify the positive personal qualities that this person has.

Your teacher will assess your essay out of 20 using the rubric below.

Description		Yes	No
Format	1. Is the essay the correct length?		
	2. Is the essay divided into paragraphs (introductory, supporting, concluding)?		
Content	3. Is the essay relevant to the topic?		
	4. Has the essay been well planned?		
	5. Is the essay made up of logical ideas?		
	6. Is the content of the essay fairly accurate?		
	7. Is there anything in the essay that might be offensive?		
Language	8. Is the punctuation accurate?		
	9. Is the spelling accurate?		
	10. Are the grammar and word usage accurate?		

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	20	See rubric in Appendix of Assessment Tools.

Holistic rubric for assessing an essay

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Give 2 marks for every 'yes' answer.