

2005 North Carolina Writing Grade 10

Write an article for a school newspaper about the meaning of individuality as it relates to being a member of a group. You may use the following information, your own experiences, observations, and/or readings.

Individuality: 1. The quality of being individual: distinctiveness. 2. The aggregate* of qualities and characteristics that distinguish one from others.

Source: *Webster's II New College Dictionary*

To put the world right in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our hearts right.

Source: Confucius

It is not worth an intelligent man's time to be in the majority. By definition, there are already enough people to do that.

Source: G.H. Hardy

Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got.

Source: Janis Joplin

The whole course of human history may depend on a change of heart in one solitary and even humble individual—for it is in the solitary mind and soul of the individual that the battle between good and evil is waged and ultimately won or lost.

Source: Scott Peck

The thing that makes you exceptional, if you are at all, is inevitably that which makes you lonely.

Source: Lorraine Hansberry

No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible.

Source: Voltaire

* aggregate: whole sum or amount

As you write an article for a school newspaper about the meaning of individuality as it relates to being a member of a group, remember to:

- Focus on the meaning of individuality as it relates to being a member of a group.
- Consider the purpose, audience, and context of your article.
- Organize your article so that your ideas progress logically.
- Include relevant details that clearly develop your article.
- Edit your article for standard grammar and language usage.

Use the blank sheet of paper given to you by your teacher to plan your article. Anything you write on the blank sheet will not be scored. You must write the final copy of your article in the test booklet.