

Option 2: Choose a psychological concept (or two related psychological concepts) and express your personal opinion on the psychological concept(s). What do you think about the psychological concept? What experiences or texts have led you to your opinion?

Audience: Your target audience is someone who is not familiar with the psychological concept you are addressing, so you will need to define the concept somewhere in your paper for your reader. It is often easiest to do this somewhere in the introduction. You will also need to explain in detail how the psychological concept is applied.

Expectations: I will be looking for:

- A clearly stated, specific, straightforward thesis.
 - Remember the thesis formula – Thesis=Narrowed Main Topic + Opinion/Statement about the topic. You will need to tell your reader in the thesis what your main topic is for the essay and what point or points you want to make about it.
- An organized structure in which key points are grouped with their supporting examples.
 - Each paragraph within the essay should have its own focus/subtopic.
- Specific, detailed examples to support the thesis and subtopics.
 - Because this is a personal essay, these examples will often be stories about your own experiences, and they will probably include the pronoun “I”.
- Analysis, not just description.
 - Once you have provided an example, you will need to explain to your reader how that example proves your point, why it is important, how it relates to the main topic, or why you chose that example in particular.