

Astrology: The study that assumes and attempts to interpret the influence of the heavenly bodies on human affairs.

Astronomy: The science that deals with the material universe beyond the earth's atmosphere.

What determines our personalities? Genetics? Environment? Education? Peers? Culture? Religion? Politics? Family? Stars? Other influences? Regardless of the source or sources, you are a unique individual who interacts with people and responds to circumstances in specific ways.

After investigating your personality by taking several personality surveys and by investigating your astrological (Chinese, Greek, Egyptian, Hellenistic, Mayan, Western, Arab, Persian, other) sign, you will write an expository example essay that examines how you are similar to your personality traits, dissimilar to your personality traits or a combination of the two. Essay length 750-1200 words—3pt./5 paragraph

You **MUST** select a personality survey or your astrological sign as a backdrop for your essay. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ENDORSE OR BELIEVE IN ASTROLOGY TO WRITE THIS PAPER. REMEMBER, YOU MAY CHOOSE A PERSONALITY SURVEY AS A BACKDROP IF YOU WISH. CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER. ALSO REMEMBER THIS ESSAY IS ABOUT YOU—NOT A PERSONALITY TEST OR AN ASTROLOGICAL SIGN—THOSE ARE BACKDROPS.**

Some websites for personality surveys: HumanMetrics.com (must take and copy results as part of prewriting) Jung typography, Myers-Briggs, Keirsey, The Big Five—others.

Some websites for astrology: Just type in astrology or your astrological sign in Google. Below is one model by which you can pattern your essay—others will be discussed in class.

Model I (This is **JUST** an example—your outline may not look like this.)

Intro. Your sign **or** selected personality survey + personality trait—ex. Pisces

I. BP I: Personality trait one—ex.: Pisces + Artistic

Examples: 1-3

II. BP II: Personality trait two—ex.: Pisces + Caring

Examples: 1-3

III. BP III: Personality trait three—ex.: Pisces + Intuition

Examples 1-3

Conc.

