

Where I Stand Guidelines

This written assignment is an excellent opportunity for you to express your opinions, interests, gripes, beliefs, and general information about yourself. It allows you to write about the characteristics that make you special and interesting. Plan to spend some time thinking about yourself, and remember that what you write and how you write it are reflections of who you are.

Incorporate a quote anywhere in the paper. Make sure to identify the source and blend it into the content so that it helps to support the explanation of who you are as a person.

This paper must be double-spaced. Use MLA format for the heading and header.

You will create five paragraphs that offer you a chance to express your unique personal opinions. Each sub-heading will be one paragraph, and each paragraph must contain at least seven sentences. The sub-headings should be listed as follows:

I am and I believe: This section should contain general information about you. This section should reveal who you are as a member of a family, an activity, a religion if you wish, and as a member of the human race. It should reveal what you believe in and what you think about yourself, others, the universe, sports, the homeless, the school, or anything else you have thoughts about.

I like: This section is probably the easiest to create. Write about what you like to see, do, create, watch, eat, or spend time thinking about. This is your chance to write about the things you enjoy.

I do not care for: Here is your chance to voice your opinion about the things that bore you, the things that bother you, the things that make your life miserable, and the things that really get on your nerves.

I favor: This section should reflect your opinions about what you support. It should reveal more than just your beliefs and likes because you can write about the causes you do or do not support, the laws you would like to see enacted or abolished, or the government you wish to have.

I will: This section should contain your plans for after high school. Include where you're going to college, what job you plan on pursuing, or if you expect to enlist in the military. Also explain why you're choosing that path and what you hope to accomplish in that environment. You may also reveal your long-term goals and dreams for your future.

Proofread your paper when you are finished. This should be well developed and not just thrown together. You will be evaluated on development (don't always do just the minimum), fluency, word choice, and conventions.

A sample "Where I Stand" will be given in students' specific English classes.