ROLE

Role: Definition.
1. an actor’s part in a play, movie, etc.
2. the function assumed or part played by a person or thing in a particular situation.
   *The New Oxford American Dictionary*
3. the proper or customary function of a person or thing.
   *The Random House Dictionary of the English Language*
4. a function or office assumed by someone.
   *Webster’s New World Dictionary*

Roles occur in every area of our lives.
social roles: life of the party, wallflower, perfect hostess
student roles in class: class clown, the brain, the nerd, the jock, the cheerleader, the addict
the family
   the role of the familyoles in the family: the rebel, the good girl, the boy-man of the family
movies
   role of movies
role making movies: director, producer, camera person, photographer
role in movies: hero, cowboy, monster, crooked cop, mad scientist
psychological roles: martyr, introvert, extrovert

In discussing a role, you may consider the following questions.
• What are its physical characteristics? What emotions or moral issues does it involve or evoke? What are its functions, its causes, its consequences?
• Is the role a positive force? negative? empowering? restrictive?
• How much control does an individual have over a role?
• Do roles conflict?
• Are roles chosen by the individual or imposed by others?
• Do we assume different roles with different people or in different situations?

Thus the range of possible topics is far reaching .
role of a sibling/my sibling
role of a mother/my mother
role of a father/my father
role of family/my family
role of an employer/my employer
role of an employee, my role as an employee
role of a pet/my pet
role of a teddy bear
role of a car
role of a computer
role of a teacher/a student/education
role of a dancer
role of a coach/sports
role of a basketball player/football player
role of a journal/a diary
role of priest/rabbi/minister/nun/ayatollah
role of a cleaning lady/janitor
role of a sorority/sorority sister
role of role of a fraternity/fraternity brother
role of a senior citizen
role of a patient/nurse/doctor/hospital
role of a good Christian/Jew/Muslim/Hindu/
   atheist/agnostic
role of death
role of quiet
role of love/compassion/anger/hatred
role of hanging out
role of friendship
role of drugs or alcohol
role of reading/music
role of war/the soldier
role of taxes/government/Congress
role of relationships
role of patriotism
conflict between my role as a good daughter/
   son and my need to be my own person