

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