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WHAT DOES YOUR SIGNATURE SAY ABOUT YOU?

Did you know that your handwriting can tell you something about your personality? The study of handwriting is called **graphology**. Graphologists analyze people's handwriting. Businesses hire graphologists to study the handwriting of people they are thinking about hiring. Police departments hire graphologists to look at notes left by criminals. Not everybody thinks that graphology is reliable. But almost everybody agrees that it's fun.

Sign your full name here:

WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?

Study your signature. Then circle each phrase under "What You See" that describes your writing. Read the explanations under "What This Says About You" to learn what your signature says about your personality.

WHAT YOU SEE

Large

Large writing

small

Small writing

right

Writing that slants right

WHAT THIS SAYS ABOUT YOU

You think big; you like to be noticed

You're detail-oriented; you don't like to be in the public eye

You like to show your feelings; you're sociable, active, and forward-moving

WHAT YOU SEE

left

Writing that slants left

Optimistic

Writing that slants up

tired, sad

Writing that slants down

WHAT THIS SAYS ABOUT YOU

You keep your emotions to yourself; you're unwilling to go out and "face the world"

You're optimistic

You're tired or sad about something

WHAT YOU SEE

WHAT THIS SAYS ABOUT YOU

Neutral

Upright writing

You're neutral and unemotional about many issues; you're self-reliant, calm, and in control of yourself

unpredictable

Writing with varying slants

You're unpredictable; you haven't yet decided where you want to go in life (many teenagers have this kind of writing)

narrow

Narrow writing

You tend to be economical and hold "narrow" views about things

Broad

Narrow writing

You're somewhat uncontrollable; you like room to think and move freely

Heavy

Dark writing (from heavy pressure)

You're determined and action-oriented; you feel "under pressure" to get things done

light

Light writing (from light pressure)

You dislike violence, loud noises, and bright lights; you're sensitive, tender, and perceptive

WHAT YOU SEE

WHAT THIS SAYS ABOUT YOU

Disconnected

Disconnected letters

You concentrate on details instead of the "big picture"; you have original ideas

Connected

Connected letters

You like logic and order; you're good at understanding relationships and the way things "connect" to one another

Wide spaces

Wide spaces between words

You need space; sometimes you seem standoffish. You are clear-headed and have an uncluttered mind.

narrow spaces

Narrow spaces between words

You're a very sociable person who enjoys "getting together" with a lot of people

Creative

Unusual ways of crossing T's and dotting I's

You're a creative person

Open minded

Open O's and P's

You're open-minded

**Do you agree or disagree with the explanations?
Did you discover anything new about yourself?**

Find Out MORE

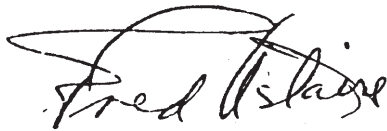
- * Borrow a book on graphology from the library. Analyze your own writing, then analyze your friends' and family's writing. Tell them what their signatures say and ask if they agree with your analysis.
- * Write your signature on a piece of paper and put it away in a safe place. Look at it again a few years from now. Has your signature changed? Have you changed?

FAMOUS SIGNATURES MATCH-UP

Identify these famous signatures after reading their descriptions. The answers are printed upside down at the end.



1. The top of his "t" streaks away like a comet; it travels at the speed of light. His "A" is a star in the sky!



2. With grace and poise, his signature "dances" across the page. You can see the music in his heart by the treble clef that dances overhead.



3. His signature goes down in a depressed way and has rigid and cutting marks. The capital "H" almost has a swastika in it.



4. You can see in his name the rocket ready to launch. There is even a launching pad in the final "g."



5. His signature has the obvious markings of a ball player. The letters are rounded, and there is even a "goal."



6. Here is someone who might like recognition for his brilliant ideas. The big loop connects the first and last name and resembles a phonograph record.

much more
telegraph, microphone, incandescent light, and
Thomas Alva Edison, American inventor of the
moon; 5. Pele, Brazilian soccer player; 6.
American astronaut, first man to walk on the
Adolf Hitler, German dictator; 4. Neil Armstrong,
Astaire, American dancer and movie star; 3.
developed the Theory of Relativity; 2. Fred
1. Albert Einstein, genius and mathematician,