

Grade 7 Role Model Assignment: The Impact of an Influencer

Goal: Students will select and analyze a person who is a significant role model or **influencer**, demonstrating an understanding of their contributions, character, and influence on the student and society.

Assessment Focus (Ontario Language Curriculum - Grade 7):

- **Reading:** Researching, analyzing, and synthesizing information from multiple sources.
- **Writing:** Developing and organizing an analytical essay with clear structure, evidence, and precise vocabulary.
- **Media Literacy:** Creating a compelling and informative visual presentation (Poster).

Part 1: Analytical Essay (The Written Piece)

Task: Write a formal **essay** (approx. 500 words) that explores the chosen role model's life, impact, and influence.

Essay Structure (4-5 Paragraphs)

Section	Focus	Details for Grade 7 Analysis
Introduction	Who and Why?	Introduce the role model. Present a clear thesis statement that identifies their main contribution and the specific character trait that makes them influential.
Body Paragraph 1	Contributions & Context	Provide biographical and contextual details . Detail their most significant accomplishments and contributions to their field or society. (Requires supporting facts and dates).
Body Paragraph 2	The Role Model Factor (Analysis)	Analyze <i>how and why</i> this person is an influential role model. Focus on specific, high-level character traits (e.g., integrity, resilience, innovation) and provide proof (specific examples/anecdotes).
Body Paragraph 3	Personal Impact & Reflection	Explain the personal connection . How does their life or work influence your own beliefs, values, or future actions? Describe specific, realistic ways you intend to emulate their positive qualities.
Conclusion	Summary & Legacy	Restate your thesis using new wording. Summarize their lasting impact on the world and conclude with a powerful, memorable closing statement about their legacy.

Part 2: Informational Poster (The Visual Piece)

Task: Design a compelling and professional **visual information poster** (digital or physical) that highlights the most critical elements of your research and analysis from the essay.

Poster Requirements

1. **High-Quality Image:** A clear, relevant image of the role model.
2. **Key Information Block:** Full Name, Dates, and Field/Title.
3. **Powerful Quote:** One inspiring and relevant quote from or about the role model.
4. **Influence Infographic/Timeline:** A simplified visual element (e.g., a short timeline, a diagram of impact) illustrating their main achievements or career path.
5. **Character Traits Box:** List and briefly define the **top 3 character traits** analyzed in your essay.
6. **"Legacy in 10 Words or Less":** A powerful, summarizing statement.

Success Criteria

Research & Content

- I can select a role model who has made a **significant, verifiable contribution** to their field or society.
- I can use a **minimum of three reliable sources** to gather background information and evidence.
- I can provide accurate and relevant **context** for their life and work.

Analytical Essay

- I can craft a clear and specific **thesis statement** in the introduction.
- I can develop well-structured paragraphs with clear **topic sentences** and relevant **supporting evidence**.
- I can **analyze** (explain *how* and *why*) specific character traits contributed to the role model's influence.
- I can make **thoughtful, specific personal connections**.
- I can maintain a formal and academic **tone**.
- I can proofread and edit my work for complex sentence structure, appropriate vocabulary, and flawless conventions (spelling, grammar, punctuation).

Informational Poster

- I can design a poster that is **visually balanced, organized**, and easy to read.
- I can select **key facts, quotes, and visuals** that effectively summarize the essay's main points.
- I can use **concise language** and professional design choices.
- I can include **all six required elements**.