

# Famous person whom you would consider a "typical" american essay

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Name a famous person whom you would consider a “ typical” American. What characteristics of this individual do you think make her or him typical? Do you consider these characteristics a stereotype? Why, or why not? I think if I had to choose one typical American it would have to be the ‘ typical’ ideal American. I do not think that in today’s society that there is a ‘ typical’ American.

So if I was going to pick a famous person it would have to be one from history, Abe Lincoln, for example. He stood for freedom, equality, and upholding the values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; the values our country was founded on. I think that when he was alive he embodied the characteristics of a typical American because he worked hard to provide for his family and fought hard to stand up for what he believed was right for our country.

I consider these to be all wonderful characteristics to have but when applied to the ‘ typical’ American it does seem to be stereotypical or even a little unfair. It is hard in this day and age to embody all of those things that he did. America is a country made up of so many different people with different backgrounds and cultures that we are truly a melting-pot. I think it is time that we redefine the ‘ typical’ American to no definition at all. Everyone who is American is ‘ typical’, it is what makes this country so great.

Write a 200- to 300-word summary describing a time when you had to test a theory. This theory may be something you have tested at work, school, or at home. Answer the following questions in your summary: What type of informal research method did you use? How was your research method

similar to research methods used by psychologists? If given another opportunity, what would you have done differently? Describe one ethical issue mentioned in the text that you have encountered. Why is informed consent necessary for ethical research? I work in a hotel and I am in charge of getting the housekeepers organized and working on an acceptable time line. I noticed that they were taking too long to clean the rooms so that I could rent them out again. I decided to do an informal time-motion type study. I would record how long it took them to do the rooms for about a week.

I noticed that on one of the days they had planned to do something after work and their room per hour rate went way up. Researchers use similar methods when working in the employment settings to see if they can improve morale and production. I probably would not have done much differently. I started motivating them in different ways to make sure that their room rate went up. The only difference was that when we told them about the study, they seemed to move faster. Next time I will just tell them that we are recording their cleaning times and get the results I want, rather than having to give extra incentives.

I do not think that there were any moral issues involved in this test. I guess someone could say that I should have let them know that their performance was being recorded. I would not have found the results I did if I had informed them, and as an employee of a company you should expect your performance to be reviewed. If this were a different type of test I can understand how many people want there to be informed consent especially if

there is some sort of invasive testing or something that disrupts your normal life.