

Birth Order Paper – double spaced, size 12 font, one inch margins

1 ½ pages = B, 2 pages = B+, 2 ½ pages = A-, 3 pages = A

Write about the effects of birth order on your life. Use any of the questions below to help you...

How has your position in the birth order helped to make you who you are? What personal characteristics, strengths and talents, weaknesses, and / or values stem from birth order? What are some examples of these qualities playing out in your life? How did your position in the birth order affect the way you were treated? By parents? By siblings? In what ways do you appreciate your position in the birth order and the treatment you received from your parents / family based on this position? What gripes do you hold about the way you or other siblings were treated based on birth order? How did birth order position affect your siblings? Do you have any good stories of birth order playing out in your family? Do you have any feelings toward other birth order positions that you would like to get off your chest?

Perhaps birth order better fits another family that you know? Describe this family through the lens of birth order.

What are the birth orders of your parents? How does this affect the way they interact with each other? With you and your siblings? How does it affect the way they parent? Also, how do you recreate your position in your family outside of your family, with for instance your friends?