

CHARACTERISTICS OF HANDWRITING

Specific Trait	Description	Example
Line quality	Do letters flow smoothly or are they shaky?	<i>forensic science forensic science</i>
Spacing	Are the letters equally spaced or crowded together? Are they evenly spaced within the margins?	<i>the right of the people to be</i> <i>the right of the people to be</i>
Size consistency	Are the height and width of letters consistent? Compare capital and lowercase letters.	FORENSIC SCIENCE <i>forensic science</i>
Continuous	Do all letters in a word connect or did the writer lift their pen?	<i>Forensic Science</i> <i>Forensic Science</i>
Connecting letters	Are capital and lowercase letters continuous?	<i>The Right of the People to be</i> <i>the right of the people to be</i>
Letters complete	Are any letters incomplete or missing parts?	<i>Forensic Science</i> <i>Forensic Science</i>
Cursive and printed letters	Are the letters cursive, print, or both?	<i>The Right of the People to be</i> <i>The right of the people to be</i>
Pen pressure	Are lines the same thickness throughout?	<i>The Right of the People to be</i> <i>The right of the people to be</i>
Slant	Does the writing slant to the left, right, or both directions?	<i>Forensic Science</i> <i>Forensic Science</i> <i>Forensic Science</i>
Line habits	Is the writing on, above, or below the line?	<u><i>The right of the people to be</i></u> <u><i>The right of the people to be</i></u>
Fancy curls or loops	Are there any fancy letters?	<i>Forensic Science</i>
Placement of crosses on t's and dots on i's	Are t's crossed in the middle, top, or bottom? Are the i's dotted to the left, right, or center of the letter?	<i>the right of the people to be</i> <i>The right of The people to be</i>