

- A. _____ write your own name (signature)
- B. _____ do it again
- C. _____ leave this blank for now
- D. _____ leave this blank for now
- E. _____ have someone copy your signature
- F. _____ have a second person copy your signature
- G. _____ disguise your signature
- H. _____ write the word "eighteen"
- I. _____ have the person who wrote on line (E) copy this
- J. _____ write the word "eighteen" but disguise your handwriting
- K. _____ write the words "ninety-six"
- L. _____ have the person who wrote on line (F) copy this
- M. _____ write the words "ninety-six" but disguise your handwriting
- N. _____ write the numerals 0 through 9
- O. _____ have the person who wrote on line (E) and (I) copy them
- P. _____ have the person who wrote on line (F) and (L) copy them
- Q. _____ write the numerals 0 through 9 but disguise your handwriting

R. Go back to items (C) and (D) and write your signature again. Examine your four signatures and note any differences. Look at the 12 characteristics listed and describe the differences based on these.

1. Line quality
2. Spacing of words and letters
3. Ratio of relative height, width, and size of letters
4. Pen lifts and separations
5. Connecting strokes
6. Beginning and ending strokes
7. Unusual letter formations
8. Shading or pen pressure
9. Slant
10. Baseline habits
11. Flourishes or embellishments
12. Placement of diacritics

S. Note similarities in your normal handwriting and your disguised handwriting in items (G), (J), and (R). Normally you alter the major characteristics of your handwriting but the minor ones give you away. What major characteristics from the 12 points did you change? What minor ones remain?

T. Examine some of the signatures made by your classmates in item (E), (F), (L), (I), (O) and (P). Comment on some of the primary signs of forgery such as which ones have:

- a. the appearance of being written slowly
- b. blunt line endings and beginnings
- c. poor line quality with wavering and tremors of the line
- d. retracting and patching
- e. stops in places where writing should be free and smooth
- f. inconsistent letter formation