**An opinion essay on the given topic by Gleb**

Do role models help to shape your personality as you grow up?

*My notes:*

* They do / They don’t – arguments and counterarguments
* Grow up -> give info and facts related to the process of growing up

*\*A role model is a person whose behaviour, example or success can be emulated by others.*

Many people claim that role models can contribute to shaping your personality while you are growing up. But why do they think so and are they right?

It is important to understand that “a role model” is a term from sociology. So, there is plenty of researches that provide information on how people are influenced by others who are credited as successful by any parameters. Indeed, people are social creatures who depend on public opinion to some extent. Because of this fact, people have a tendency to copy the behaviour of highly respected members of their community. During this process some copied traits and habits become natural for them. And that is how their personality shapes for better.

Nonetheless, I know that another opinion exists. It says that people are born with character and during the process of growing up it only shows, not develops. Consequently, people’s personalities cannot be shaped by “role models” or anybody else. At the same time, I think that subconsciously or not every person has a “portrait” of a hero whom they admire. It just helps them to make difficult decisions and act better in general.

On the whole, I agree with the given statement. People emulate behaviour of “role models” and as a result shape their personality. People of any age who are willing to become better tend to shape their personality to match it with personality of their role models.