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Specific Purpose: To inform my audience about myself and who I am.

Central Idea: Using a ping pong paddle, I will explain how I am unique and am precise.

Organizational Pattern: Topical

Introduction

I.Attention-getter: A tiny ball is bouncing its way across the table, in a couple of seconds I must read the speed, the spin, and the direction. How do I hit it back in order to not get lose the game? As you might have guessed, the object that I have brought with me is a ping pong paddle, which represents the game itself.

II.Establish Credibility: I have played ping pong nearly my entire life, over the years I have learned the traits of this game.

III.Relate to Audience: I'm sure most of you have played at least once in your lifetime. Most people think that it is just hitting the ball to the other side. It is so much more than that.

IV.Preview Main Points: In the same way that I hold the ping pong paddle in a unique way, I am unique. Ping pong requires a huge amount of precision. I am a person that prides myself on precision.

[Now moving on to the my first point]

Body

I.Main Point 1: I hold the ping pong paddle in a unique way, in the same way that I am unique. I hold the paddle with two fingers on the back side of the paddle. Most people tend to only use one. Moving on to how this represents me....

A.I am my own person – I don't strive to be someone that I'm not.

1.I like to do things my own way – it allows me to have the freedom to do whatever I want to. There are no constraints of having to conform to others.

a. The more unique you are, the more you are your own person. – There are over 7 billion people on Earth. Standing out from the crowd is hugely important to me.

2. I don't like to follow – You should get out, and experience what the world is like when you have no external influences.

b. There is nothing special about living somebody else's life – that is what following others will lead you towards.

B. I prefer to stay true to me – the way I live my life is unique to me.

1. I don't do things just because others are doing them – there is nothing special about that.

2. I like to forge my own path, exploring the unknown helps you grow and can be fun.

[Next, my last point is that I am precise]

II. Main Point 2: I pride myself on precision, in the same way that you need to be precise in ping pong. In order to strike the ball to hit the other side of the table in exactly the right spot, you need to be precise.

A. If I am going to do something, I prefer to do it right.

1. Doing it right makes you better at something, most likely in the future you will need to do the same thing again.

2. It means you don't have to go back and fix the mistakes, and you don't have to learn from the consequences.

B. I like to pay attention to the details.

1. In most cases, it is the details that can make or break something.

2. The details are what truly make something special – a person who is truly trying to better themselves will always pay attention to the details.

Conclusion

I. Transition Statement: In conclusion, I've been playing ping pong my entire life. The more I play, the more I can draw comparisons between the game and my life.

II. Review of Main Points: This is because both the game and I share a uniqueness, and rely on precision.

III. Call to Action: Be unique to yourself. Don't follow others just because it seems to be the way to go. Forge your own path. You don't want to be reading about somebody else in the history books, you want to be reading about yourself.

IV. Memorable End: Next time you are standing at the end of a ping pong table, and that tiny ball is making your way at you. Think about how many ways there are to return it. You might just find a completely new way.

