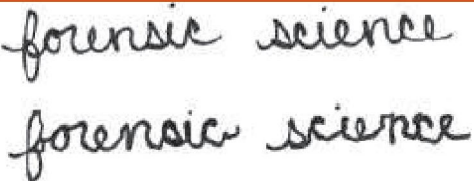
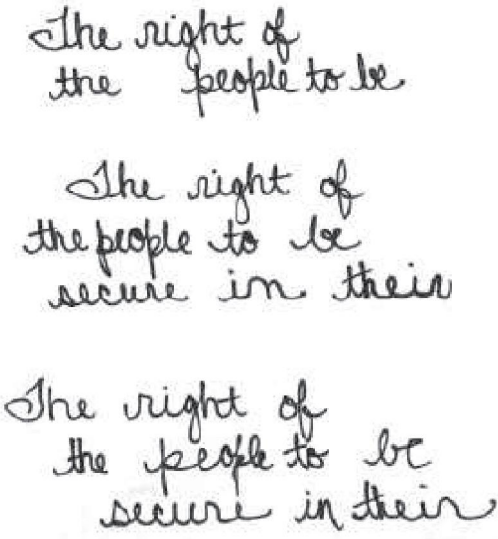
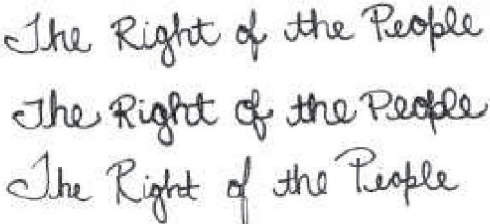
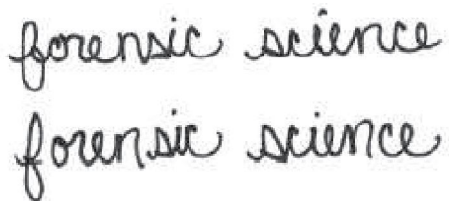



A person's handwriting exhibits unique characteristics that make it distinguishable from other samples. Handwriting experts examine 12 major categories of exemplars. These 12 characteristics are functions of letter form, line form, and formatting.

Specific Trait	Description	Example
Line quality	Do the letters flow or are they erratic or shaky?	
Spacing	Are letters equally spaced or crowded?	
Size consistency	Is the ratio of height to width consistent?	
Continuous	Is the writing continuous or does the writer lift the pen?	
Connecting letters	Are capitals and lower-case letters connected and continuous?	

Letters complete	Are letters completely formed? Or, is a part of the letter missing?	the right of the people th right of the people
Cursive and printed letters	Are there printed letters, cursive letters, or both?	Forensic Science Forensic Science Forensic Science
Pen pressure	Is pressure equal when applied to upward and downward strokes?	forensic science forensic science forensic science
Slant	Left, right, or variable?	forensic science forensic science forensic science
Line habits	Is the text on the line, above the line, or below the line?	forensic science forensic science forensic science
Fancy curls or loops	Are there fancy curls?	Forensic Science
Placement of crosses on t's and dots on i's	Correct or misplaced? Are t's crossed, crossed in the middle, toward top, or toward the bottom? Are i's dotted, dotted toward the right, left, or centered?	right right right rights