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| **Name** | Samantha Wright |
| **Age** | 55 |
| **Height** | 5’3” |
| **Ethnicity** | White |
| **Occupation** | Owner of Antique store |
| **Education Level** | Graduate |
| **Religion** | Catholic Christian |
| **Political views** | Democrat |
| **City and State** | Bonney, Texas |
| **What I’m most passionate about:**  |
| Traveling across the globe, I want to explore new places and meet new people |
| **Activities I enjoy:**  |
| I love to sew, dance, listen to old rock, and folk music |
| **Physical description:**  |
| Slender physique and good height |
| **My friends describe me as:**  |
| My friends describe me as an honest, polite and organized person who loves to help others. |
| **The most important things I’m looking for in a person:**  |
| The most important thing I am looking for in a person is courage. My partner should have the courage to ask me out, courage to challenge me, courage to talk about the hard stuff, courage to forgive me, and courage to love |
| **Ideal physical qualities of a potential partner:** |
| Physical appearance doesn’t matter much to me, but my partner should not be paunchy. |
| **Deal breakers:**  |
| Smoking, drugs use, and abusive behavior |

# **Post Profile Wrap-up**

1. **Describe the social psychological theories of attraction you see reflected in online dating profiles like this one.**

According to the psychological theory of attraction, profile attractiveness depends on many factors such as; quality of a photograph, physical appearance or attractiveness, and free-text component (Fiore, 2008). Online dating services help an individual to evaluate his partner before investing his effort, time, and emotional energy in a face-to-face meeting. It is difficult to be certain that the information provided in the profile is accurate. This is because the user has self-portrait him/herself. In an online dating profile, people assess attractiveness by confirming physical appearance and paying attention to the quality of a text. According to the psychological theory of attraction, more information provided in the dating profile may result in disliking.

1. **Describe at least three concepts related to mating and attraction that are used in online dating profiles.**

The concept of natural selection is related to mating and attraction in online dating profiles. According to the concept of natural selection of an evolutionary psychologist, women prefer to mate with a person who has a tendency to be a good provider and a good father. Similarly, men prefer to mate with a person who can give birth to healthy babies (Lloyd, 1979). The second concept that can be related to attraction in online dating profiles is a sexual attraction. According to the concept of sexual attraction, women are attracted to men who are potential provider. Moreover, men are physically attracted to women’s appearance. The third concept that can be related to attraction in online dating profiles is the ideal mate theory. According to the ideal mate theory, the attraction is based on one’s perception of ideal partner (AJ Figueredo, 2006).

3. Reflect on the choices you made in completing this profile. Why did you make the choices you did? Connect your profile back to the social-psychological concepts related to mating and attraction.

Dating profile of Samantha Wright is precise and specific. In Samantha’s profile, it is written than she is a travel enthusiast. She likes to explore new places and meet new people. When a viewer will review Samantha’s profile, he will immediately feel welcomed because she likes to make new friends. According to the concept of ideal mate theory, Samantha will be an ideal partner for an enthusiast person. Although at this age Samantha would not able to give birth to a child, it is written that she owns an antique store. This shows that Samantha is a strong independent woman. Moreover, Samantha has a good height and maintained herself. According to the concept of sexual attraction, Samantha’s physical appearance makes her a good candidate in a dating site.

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