First, Second, and Third Person Writing
A Key to Hitting Your Paper out of the Park

The Big Picture

Writing in the correct person is helpful as you seek to strengthen your paper. It is a key step in academic style.

Consider the following example from baseball:
I'm on first
You're on second
He/she is on third and not with us

First Person

I believe that dogs are ideal pets because they help us to be better versions of ourselves. My opinion is that we need to take good care of these furry friends. A dog that is mine will always be taken care of by me and my family.

Second Person

You should believe that dogs are ideal pets because they can help you be the best version of yourself. Don’t you think that you should take care of these furry friends? If you ever have a dog you should make sure that you and your family take well care of it.

Third Person

Dogs are ideal pets due to their ability to bring the best out of humans. One should make it it his or her priority to own and care for their dog. American families should care for their dogs to the best of their ability.