



COLLEGE APP ESSAYS

Tips for Writing

A SHORT VIDEO TO GET US STARTED:

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdGmga4SmzA>



TIPS

- Write about YOU.
- Use examples.
- Follow requirements (including deadlines).
- Revise and edit.
- Use highest-quality writing.
- If you don't know – ask!
- Begin!



WRITE ABOUT YOURSELF



- What makes you unique?
 - What experiences are you proud of?
 - What experiences have you learned from?
 - What are you passionate about?
 - What are your future goals?
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- BRAINSTORM
 - Look again at what you're applying for/where – what do you bring to the table?

USE EXAMPLES

- Be specific and vivid.
- Be concise.
- Be HONEST.
- It's not bragging to talk about your gifts, interests, experiences or aspirations.
- It *is* bragging to say that you're better than others.



DON'T TELL ME
SHOW ME

FOLLOW REQUIREMENTS



- 250 words means 250 words!
- Meet deadlines.
- Look CAREFULLY at the prompt – some of them have multiple things they want you to answer.

REVISE AND EDIT

- Don't worry so much about requirements until later drafts.
- Have someone else read it.
- Put it away for a while and reread it.
- If you're not sure of use/punctuation – find out!
- **NOTE: This will require you to begin much earlier than the deadline!**

USE HIGHEST-QUALITY WRITING



- Consider your audience:
 - Mature
 - Academic
 - Gatekeepers of the college/university
- No ERRORS!
- Be concise.
- Use active voice.
- Vary your sentence structure.

QUESTIONS? NEED HELP? JUST ASK!!!

- Counselors
- Teachers
- Administrators
- Professionals
- Friends/Family
- Staff at your desired school (admissions)
- Students at your desired school
- *****Be careful with internet resources**



GET STARTED!

- Exemplars in Counselor's Office
- Good Luck!

