

**College Essay 50 points**

<b>College Essay Rubric</b>	<b>Excellent (10 Points)</b>	<b>Good (8-9 Points)</b>	<b>Needs Improvement (4-6 Points)</b>	<b>Poor (0-3 Points)</b>
<b>Opening Paragraph</b>	Essay focus is clear in the opening paragraph, and begins non traditionally – begin with a quote, an anecdote, or just begin the story.	Essay focus is clear in the opening paragraph, but does not begin non traditionally.	Essay focus is unclear, and the essay begins very traditionally.	Essay is missing a clear opening paragraph.
<b>Body Paragraphs</b>	<p><b>Content of essay tells a personal story that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shows rather than tells</li> <li><b>AND</b></li> <li>Includes focus on self</li> </ul>	<p><b>Content of essay tells a personal story that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shows rather than tells</li> <li><b>OR</b></li> <li>Includes focus on self</li> </ul>	<p><b>Content of the essay tells a personal story that:</b></p> <p>Does Not</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show rather than tell.</li> <li>Include a focus on self.</li> </ul>	<b>Content of the essay does not tell a personal story.</b>
<b>Ending Paragraph</b>	Essay focus is clear in the ending paragraph, and the essay ends non traditionally – end with a quote, an anecdote, or finish the story.	Essay focus is clear in the ending paragraph, but does not end non traditionally.	Essay focus is unclear, and the essay ends very traditionally.	Essay is missing a clear ending paragraph.
<b>Essay is well written, grammatically correct, and effort is clearly shown.</b>	<p><b>Essay includes:</b></p> <p>Avoids generalizations</p> <p>Avoids Taboos (zero)</p> <p>Varies sentence beginnings (no more than 2 sentences w/ same beginning word)</p> <p>Strives for grammatical diversity and perfection (no more than 2 errors)</p>	<p><b>Essay is missing one of the following:</b></p> <p>Avoids generalizations</p> <p>Avoids Taboos (zero)</p> <p>Varies sentence beginnings (no more than 2 sentences w/ same beginning word)</p> <p>Strives for grammatical diversity and</p>	<p><b>Essay is missing two of the following:</b></p> <p>Avoids generalizations</p> <p>Avoids Taboos (zero)</p> <p>Varies sentence beginnings (no more than 2 sentences w/ same beginning word)</p> <p>Strives for grammatical diversity and</p>	<p><b>Essay is missing all of the following:</b></p> <p>Avoids generalizations</p> <p>Avoids Taboos (zero)</p> <p>Varies sentence beginnings (no more than 2 sentences w/ same beginning word)</p> <p>Strives for grammatical diversity and</p>

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