

Writing the College Application Essay- 20 points each

Rough Hard Copy of Drafts due: _____ (completion)

Final Hard Copy of Drafts due: _____ (Final exam grade out of 100 percent)

You will need to write two (2) college application essays of between 450 and 650 words (must include a word count). If your essay is under or over this number, you will start at half credit. No matter which prompt choice from below, include the exact wording of each prompt at the top and **do not include** the prompt in your word count. These must be typed and PLEASE save them somewhere safe, so you may work on them over the summer and next year. The College Application Rubric is on the website and must be attached to the front of each essay submission.

Prompt Choices:

- 1) You may choose two of the 2018- 2019 Common Application Prompts (except #7) on the Common Application site, <http://www.commonapp.org/whats-appening/application-updates/2018-2019-common-application-essay-prompts>
- 2) You may choose two prompts from the university you would like to attend. Identify the university when you ID your prompts.
- 3) You may choose two prompts from two different categories on your brainstorming outline from class.
- 4) For those of you who will not be attending a traditional university, you may want to write on any two of the following prompts...
 - A] Put together a story, play, dialogue that meets all of the requirements listed below:
 - i. Begin the sentence with, "Many years later he remembered his first experience with ..."
 - ii. Incorporate the five senses
 - iii. Incorporate the name of the school you want to attend
 - B] Certain things –songs, household objects, familiar smells, -- bring us back instantly to some past moment in our lives. Write an essay that describes one such "thing" and see where it takes you.
 - C] You have just completed your 300 page autobiography. Please submit page 217.
 - D] Pick a story of local, national or international importance from the front page of the paper or top-billing on a news station. Use your sense of humor, your sense of outrage, sense of justice or some sense to explain why that story engages you.
 - E] Why the nontraditional route?

Use tips that don't come from ask.com, about.com, or wiki.

<http://mitadmissions.org/blogs/entry/how-to-write-a-college-essay>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays/tips-for-writing-an-effective-application-essay-collegeadmissions>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/marjorie-hansen-shaevitz/college-essay-tips- b_1719862.html

<https://www.thecrimson.com/admissions/article/2013/9/16/the-essay-part-i/>