

Narrative (and/or) College Application Essay

Your task is to write a college application essay that follows the mini-lessons about personal narratives taught in class and demonstrates that you're able to write clear and coherent informative and narrative texts.

Requirements:

- If you have a specific college in mind, follow their prompt's details (per word count and topic) and *include a copy of the prompt at the top of your essay that you turn in to me*, along with identified word count of your paper.
- If your college or future plans do *not* require an essay, please select one of the following Common App prompts; your narrative should be two-three pages, 12 point font, double spaced.
- You will NOT include a header with your name on this narrative because it will be blindly scored by two peers on Turnitin.com.

Relevant Details:

- Planning finalized by _____.
- Rough Draft is due on _____. Bring a printed, hard copy of your draft to class.
- Final Draft must be uploaded to Turnitin by 8AM on _____. If you have technological problems, bring a printed copy to class with the rubric.
- Final Draft Points: **80 points** in summative assessment based on 20 points per student grade on the rubric below, and 40 points from the teacher using the same rubric. You will get 4 extra points on your final draft if all parts are completed **on time!**

Common App Prompts for 2017-2018:

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from *obstacles we encounter* can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a *challenge, setback, or failure*. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you *questioned* or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your *thinking*? What *was the outcome*?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or *realization* that *sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others*.
6. *Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?*
7. *Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.*