

Topics for Personal Essay

The following topic suggestions connect to p. 123 of *Acting on Words*, which concludes Chapter 8 on the personal essay.

1. What is the most important benefit you have gained from your relationship with a particular sibling, parent, or other family relative (extended families count)? Use examples to illustrate.
2. Describe a personal trip or expedition that took an unexpected turn.
3. Reflect on the meaning of relationships, using personal examples.
4. Reflect on a significant change you have seen to your birthplace and childhood home.
5. Describe an adventure you had after agreeing to go along with a plan against your initial judgment, or when someone else went along with a plan of yours against his or her initial judgment
6. Describe an attitude that you have decided to live by. Explain what led you to this attitude and why you believe it is effective.
7. Describe a meeting of cultures that you have witnessed or experienced first hand. What important insight has arisen from this experience?
8. Write about a place that you value above all others; convey its special meaning.
9. From experience and personal observation, reflect upon whether you believe the society you grew up in was truly egalitarian. Explain your conclusion and its implications for things today.
10. Describe what you believe was the most remarkable day of your life (or is there really any such thing?).