

### College Application Essay Rubric

CATEGORY	Exemplary 4	Mastery 3	Progressing 2	Not at Standard
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<p>- Essay maintains a clear, specific, and prompt appropriate focus that develops a clear, consistent main idea throughout the entire essay. -Essay develops purpose with an original, interesting angle.</p> <p>9-10 pts</p>	<p>-Essay maintains a clear, mostly specific, prompt-appropriate focus that develops a clear main idea throughout the essay. -Essay develops purpose with a clear angle.</p> <p>8 pts.</p>	<p>-Essay's focus is somewhat unclear or off-topic, and/or the main idea may meander a bit or contain minor digressions. -Essay develops purpose with an unclear or cliché angle.</p> <p>7pts.</p>	<p>and/or off-topic and may meander or contain major digressions. Purpose is not evident. -Essay does not contain a discernible angle.</p> <p>6 or below pts.</p>
<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>	<p><b>Narration:</b> - Has a clear focus of scene, summary or both, when appropriate, and it is clear why the writer has developed the narrative in this manner. <b>Description:</b> -Writer has provided enough detail for the reader to easily follow the essay, in a "show, don't tell" manner with no extra details.</p> <p>9-10 pts</p>	<p><b>Narration:</b> -Has a fairly clear focus on scene or summary, though the choice may not be entirely appropriate for the topic. <b>Description:</b> -The essay is fairly unified and coherent, though the writer may not have quite enough detail for the reader to easily follow the essay, in a "show, don't tell" manner or occasional extra details may be included.</p> <p>8 pts</p>	<p><b>Narration:</b> - Does not have a clear focus on scene or summary and thus, the piece does not develop adequately as a narrative. <b>Description:</b> -The essay is somewhat unified and coherent, though the writer does not have quite enough detail for the reader to easily follow the essay, in a "show, don't tell" manner and extra details appear fairly frequently.</p> <p>7pts.</p>	<p><b>Narration:</b> -Has little to no narrative structure and may seem simply to ramble. <b>Description:</b> - The essay lacks unity and cohesion because the writer does not have enough detail for the reader to easily follow the essay in a "show, don't tell" manner or there is way too much extra detail.</p> <p>6 or below pts.</p>
<b>PERSONA</b>	<p>-Writer comes across appropriately to the essay's target audience. Essay uses appropriate tone and</p>	<p>-Writer comes across appropriately to the essay's target audience. Essay</p>	<p>-Writer comes across inconsistently to the essay's target audience.</p>	<p>-Writer's tone and/ or details present the writer as an undesirable candidate for admission.</p>

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	<b>details to present writer as compelling candidate for admission.</b>  9-10 pts	uses appropriate tone and details to present writer as appropriate candidate for admission.  8 pts.	Essay's tone and/or details could cast the writer as a less-than-desirable candidate for admission.  7pts.	6 or below pts.
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	-Writer uses intentional and vivid language choices that make writer's voice rich, personal, and honest and very distinctive. It is devoid of clichés, vagueness, and laziness with language. It directly aids in achieving the essay's purpose.  9-10 pts	<b>-Writer uses intentional and effective language choices that make writer's voice personal and honest. It is mostly devoid of clichés, vagueness, and laziness with language. It aids in achieving the essay's purpose.</b>  8 pts.	-Writer uses somewhat cliché or unclear language choices that make writer's voice generic or stereotypical. It may not further essay's purpose because of it being bland.  7pts.	-Writer uses basic, cliché, or very unclear language choices that give no voice at all— could be written by anyone— anywhere.  6 or below pts.
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>- The structure establishes a relationship between/among ideas/events and transitions help to clarify the order of events.</b>  4.5-5 pts.	- The structure establishes a relationship between/among ideas/events, though transitions may be minimal.  4.0-4.4 pts.	- The structure establishes some relationship between/among some of the ideas/events, though transitions may be lacking.  3.5-3.9 pts.	-The structure does not establish a connection between/among ideas/events and transitions are nonexistent.  3.4 or below pts.
<b>CONVENTIONS</b>	- Exhibits EXCELLENT CONTROL of grammatical conventions appropriate to the writing task: standard usage including agreement, tense and case; and mechanics. -Essay follows MLA style for citations,	<b>- Exhibits GOOD CONTROL of grammatical conventions appropriate to the writing task: sentence formation; standard usage including agreement,</b>	- Exhibits SOME CONTROL of grammatical conventions appropriate to the writing task: sentence formation; standard usage including agreement, tense	- Exhibits LITTLE CONTROL of grammatical conventions appropriate to the writing task: sentence formation; standard usage including agreement, tense and case; and mechanics. -Essay does not follow MLA style for citations, format and pagination or

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	format and pagination. 4.5-5 pts.	<b>tense and case; and mechanics. -Essay follows MLA style for citations, format and pagination with one or two minor lapses.</b>  4.0-4.4 pts.	and case; and mechanics. -Essay partially follows MLA style for citations, format and pagination with one or two major lapsés.  3.5-3.9 pts.	has three or more major lapsés.  3.4 or below pts.
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Total: 47/50

“As any 4-year-old, I really did know what things could really hurt me” The repetition of “really” should be removed as it does not match the tone of the rest of the essay, and breaks the flow. Consider removing both “really” as they are both unneeded.

“fourth of July” should be capitalized

“my own fear” Consider removing “own” as it is unneeded.

“a short period of time” Consider just saying period

“U.S” should be “U.S.”

Consider removing “actually” in “have actually inflamed my passion”

To be in correct MLA format, your date should be 7 September 2023. Also, all of your paragraphs should be indented. Also, where are you getting this data from (it should be cited). Like “36,000 people die”

Good Job! The essay has a good story with many great details.