

Personal essay form and style planner

Your personal essay topic:

Introduction	How will you grab the reader's interest in the first paragraph?
Thesis	What is your thesis or main idea?
Evidence	What is your evidence to support your thesis? Give at least three examples.
Descriptive phrases	What descriptive phrases or imagery will you use? List some ideas.
Conclusion	How will you conclude your personal essay?

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Organization	How are you choosing to present events in your essay? Chronological? Non-linear? Flashback? Why are you making this choice?
Theme	What is your central message? What do you want to say about dealing with difficult situations or challenges?
Mood and tone	What will be your intended mood and tone? How will you achieve it?