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# **APPLICATION SKILLS 01**

# **SELF-AWARENESS**

**ACADEMIC PROFILE** 





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#### ESSAY COACHING - LESSON 02

#### SHARE YOUR IDEAS

TIPS TO WRITE A STELLAR ESSAY ESSAY OUTLINE



# **IDEATION: HOW TO GET STARTED?**





### THREE WAYS TO GET STARTED

- Ask yourself <u>20 self-awareness questions</u>. The process will take over an hour.
- 2. **Interview close friends and family**, the people who know you best, so that you can see yourself from someone else's point of view.
- 3. Make a **list of 20 topics**, places, ideas, or objects in which you're most interested. Now choose TWO and think of how one relates to the other.



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#### Now, whittle down the list by asking:

- 1. Is this a topic leading toward an essay that only I could write?
- 2. Is this something I feel strongly about?
- Does this experience or idea include other people? It's a good thing if it does.
- 4. Did you come up with this idea? Your parents have had their shot; write your own essay.
- 5. Is this my first (or tenth idea)? If it is, someone else has written it,



# **IDEATION: HOW TO GET STARTED?**

#### To finalize your topic, ask:

- 1. Would you want to read an essay about this topic?
- 2. Is this original? How many essays on this topic will someone in admissions have to read?
- 3. Are you the only one who could have written this essay, or could the specific names be covered and it still ring true many times over?
- 4. Can your idea be expressed within the word limits for this essay?



#### **ACTIVITY 1: STUDENT'S SHARINGS**

#### Each student shares about their essay's ideas.



#### WHAT MAKES A STELLAR ESSAY

- 1. Be you. Be original.
- 2. Reveal something about yourself.
- 3. Have a point.
- 4. Highlight growth. How you learn from failure.
- Demand 100% of every word and sentence, not just every paragraph.
- Use original language, but don't over-rely on the thesaurus.
- 7. Show, don't tell!!! (Or verifiable & quantifiable)

#### YOU'RE UNIQUE - BE YOU!



# **ESSAY OUTLINE**

- Your outline gives you a higher level overview of the organizational features of your writing.
- Forget about the details of word choice and sentence structure

