

College Application Essay Worksheet

This worksheet will serve as an outline for your own college application essay. Using your handout on how to write a college application essay, complete each of the following parts. Do this on a separate sheet of paper using the headings listed below.

- Brainstorming:** Answer five of the bulleted questions under Step 1 of your handout. If the bullet has a number of questions within it, just answer two of them for that particular bullet. **If you get stuck, refer to tips 1-5 which follow the bullets.**
- Answer the questions thoroughly. Remember, this is "brainstorming;" if you end up with more ideas than you need, it is always easier to take ideas out rather than trying to come up with new ones.
- Selecting a Topic:** Choose three of the "questions to consider before proceeding" that you should look out for. Explain why these are three areas that you need be aware of?
- Outline your essay:** Make a detailed outline (can be in any form) of your essay. Here is a suggested format:
- Introduction:** What is your topic/focus of the essay?
Explain (using a list of ideas or sentences) how you will begin you essay. Here you want to include the plan of how you will introduce your topic.
- Supporting Detail:** Here, tell what supporting details you plan to include in your essay. This can be a list of possibilities.
Also, write a sentence or two telling me how you plan present these possibilities. Refer to the sample essays to get ideas.
- Conclusion:** Refer to your handout under "Tips to Writing Your College Essay" #9. Write an outline for your Conclusion. in other words, how do you plan to end the essay?