

## Personal Essay – Aquarium – Animal Behavior

### Personal Essay

Knowing how to write an essay that describes your experiences, observations and opinions will prove useful when you are called upon to honor a friend, apply for entrance into a program, or deliver a passionate message. An assigned personal essay may require you to draw comparisons between your life and the life of a character in a book, recall a significant event, or explain your understanding of a situation. Use a device that freezes a second in time for your reader. Describe how you felt when you saw, heard, smelled, touched or tasted a detail in your story. Your reader will be in that moment with you, hanging onto every word, and sharing your deepest emotions. Do you see them standing to cheer you on? Do you hear their applause for your bravery and elegance? Bravo!

Animals find themselves in a variety of environments, contexts and dilemmas. Their responses may be surprising or predictable. Research or observe an interesting animal behavior and write a personal essay that empathizes with the animal. Identify with your subject's emotions and situation by sharing a story of how you or another person felt in a similar situation. Captivate your readers with a descriptive account that offers a greater understanding and appreciation for the animal kingdom.

### Composing Paragraphs and Essays

This activity requires you to compose a paragraph or essay about a subject. We explain something (a process, a writing) or to change the way the reader thinks or to persuade. Sentences that work together to describe a single idea. An essay is a group of paragraphs that work together discussing a single idea. Think of the structure of either paragraphs or essays as having the same form as the capital letter "I". This form will help you successfully communicate almost anything.

