




Directions:

1. Participate in discussions.
2. Watch tutorials.
3. Read at least 10 essays, before even thinking about writing. At least three of these are from other people who share it and say "I like this one."
4. Then, using the prompts and resources below, give it, er, the old college try. To be scored on the below rubric.

 <p>AWESOME! 100</p> <p>Typical COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS THAT ARE AWESOME earn a (+) demonstrate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-the writing has to zing, pop off the page, stand out-creativity—the essay is 3 dimensional-a thoroughgoing consideration of the prompt, i.e. understanding of the implied task at hand of the prompt-control over conventions-variety of sentence structure-sophisticated use of language, such as word choice or figurative language -- do not confuse sophisticated with "big words"-the writer's personality, i.e the writing is expressive of you as a curious, smart, clever, interesting, tolerant, and open minded person ready to make an impact on the university community.	 <p>SOLID! 90</p> <p>Typical College Application essays that earn a SOLID demonstrate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-good writing-good concept-good sharing-some moments of sophistication, and generally fulfill the task at hand	 <p>Basic 80</p> <p>typical responses that earn a (✓) demonstrate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-A lack of voice and development-weakness in fulfilling the implied task at hand-lack of clarity in places-conventional errors, such as lack of control of the paragraph--the writing doesn't do the writer justice, as a curious, smart, clever, interesting, tolerant, and open minded person ready to make an impact on the university community.
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