

Finding Your College Essay Topic + Why You're Probably Doing It Wrong

How's it going everyone before we start this essay help activity. I want you to get out a piece of paper or a phone if I have one get out of phone something you can write with something you can record a note song because this is gonna be quite educational but before we begin on the real meat of this video. I want you to imagine something. I want you to imagine that you've met someone for the first time it doesn't have to be a date it could have just been someone you've met off the street and you want to get to know more about them. you ask them tell me something about you tell me more about you and they respond when.

I was in the mountains a very vocabulary superfluous undertone and you're sitting there just like what the what the hell are you saying that is what. I mean by your writing your college essay wrong because the whole point of the essay is for your college admissions officer to get to know more about you and not for you to just showcase that you know how to write very eloquently and how to pass the AP lit exam if you pass the AP lit exam you should read show that.

I guess one of the biggest mistakes there is you're just going to write. much fluff and vagueness and long artsy words for the first 300 words of your essay only for your admissions officer to realize 300 words in you wrote the most generic essay ever because it's about the same old topic everyone else is written in the last 20 30 something years if you haven't readd my video reading my essay you can click right here. I have a little box goes right to my video where.

I read my essay to all of you but if you have already great because one of the big secrets to writing a good contest say is to be unique that's it's it's pretty simple all you have to do is write about something that makes it you you and no one else you it's that simple. if you just write that you volunteered at some animal shelter or that you helped you know integra the professor that's not going to help you because a lot of people have done that let's talk about instead of bragging about all the ecology worthy stuff you've done maybe talk about what makes you unique. that's why. I got you get a piece of you know piece of paper because.

I want you to jot down what makes you you what can you write down that if you showed to anyone that sort of knew you they would say it's you. I'm dead right. I would be able to write on this piece of paper what.

I could say is you know just me give it to someone who kind of knows me and they'll be like oh yeah that's Danny just described an they're. talked about maybe what makes you who you are what's your journey what's your upbringing what's some experience have changed your life forever start jotting those down just keep going keep going you should have you know maybe half the page done in the next minute and then the entire page you have a long leg you want 17 16 17 18 years old at this point in time you should have. much you can write about your life has been pretty long already. fill this paper up all this video if you have to and then gonna get started on the next part okay. now that you fill out the paper look at your paper and see what you can write the most about and usually that means something more recent but if there's something be really really early in your life that really twisted your life going on one path and this goes off into another you can write something about that it really doesn't matter just something you could really write a good essay about why you're unique because ultimately the admissions officer wants to know you better to them you're just right now a couple of numbers and scores maybe a teacher recommendation that's all you are did them at that time. the whole essay is to find out who are you as a person not just a number and if you're just going to put on that paper put on that essay a bunch of vocab words and a pretty meaningless non unique not different you know on original essay if that doesn't do much for them. once you have ranked them or crossed out the ones you can't write about find those three that's right those top three things that make you [stanford application essay](#) you okay and once you've done that once you've three. I want you to try writing essays on all three of them here's the reason you normally will never write your golden comment counts your golden common app essay sorry that will be on the first try you're never gonna do that rarely do people first ride on their essay got a good that's what I'm putting you to write three essays about the top they three things that made you different and you can write about that and once you've done that find the best one show to your peers and award from there and again this is not the only video where I'll help you write your college up and say call me at gosh why do. I do help you write your common msai. stay tuned thanks for watching this is you know part one of a whole College Admission series. please stay tuned thanks for watching.