



Do You Need Help With Your College Essay? Read on to find out!

If you know what you are going to say before you put pen to paper, then you are missing the point of writing your college essay. Writing your college essay is an exercise in self-discovery, which then allows the college admissions officer to get to know you. It is not a process that should be rushed. And remember, what happens in your story matters less than what you've learned.

- 1. Yes or No** - Have you compiled all of the hard data – your test scores, grades, and extracurriculars?
- 2. Yes or No** - Have you made a list of your interests, likes and dislikes, and cool things about yourself?
- 3. Yes or No** - Have you brainstormed a list of topics?
- 4. Yes or No** - Have you read through the Common Application essay prompts, underlining the words that tell you what they're looking for like *background, identity, or talent*?
- 5. Yes or No** - Have you narrowed your topics such that they are interesting, tell something about you that is not mentioned anywhere else in your application, that shows how you became you?
- 6. Yes or No** - In the first sentence of your essay, have you invited the reader into your world, using your words? Hopefully, you haven't used quotes from other authors or quirky devices such as flashbacks!
- 7. Yes or No** - Did you ask the reader a question, repeat the prompt in your essay, say your name, use sound effects, "POW," add gross stuff, use dialogue, etc. If you answered yes, then you need some help!
- 8. Yes or No** - Did you take your reader on a journey? Did you write about your failure and your shame? Is your essay vivid and specific? If so, you're on the right track!

If you've answered "No" to any of the questions except #7, then you probably could use a little help! Schedule a free consultation! www.thometzlifecoach.com.