Unit Title: Career
Topic: College Application Essay

Grade Level: 11-12
Lesson Sequence: 2 of 3
Selecting an Essay Topic
Handout 1-2

Lesson Objectives: 1.) Brainstorming and selecting a college essay topic
2.) Writing a successful college application essay that reveals writing ability as well as ability to think

EALR's Addressed: Writing: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.4, 3.1-3.5, 4.1,and 4.2.

Time	Activity	Procedures	Supplies
5 min.	Explain Second step In writing A successful College application essay Is selecting The right topic	Writing to sell yourself is stressful!! You just need to take a deep breath, relax, and believe in yourself! Success depends on how well you present yourself, what you have to say, and how effectively you convey your message. Don't write an essay you think the Admissions' officer wants! Show who you are! Try this personal inventory exercise to discover who you are!	
5-10 min.	Personal Inventory	What do you like about yourself? What do you dislike about yourself? Now rank the qualities in order of importance. Which would you most easily give up?	Personal Inventory Handout 1
5 min.	Review/explain Personal Inventory	Discuss how answers begin to draw out your uniqueness. For every item on the personal inventory, try to think of evidence that proves that you are indeed who you claim to be.	Personal Inventory Handout 1
10 min.	Discuss how to select an essay topic; wrap-up.	Leaving a lasting impression on someone who reads 50-100 essays a day is challenging, but here are some other exercises, guidelines, and tips to help you get started.	Selecting An Essay Topic Handout 2