Unit Title: Career
Topic: College Application Essay

Grade Level: 11-12
Lesson Sequence: 3 of 3
Writing a Successful College Essay
Handout 1-3

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.	Discuss two goals of essay	In writing the essay, you must have Two goals: persuade the admissions officer that you are worthy of admission and to make the admissions officer aware that you are more than a GPA and standardized score—You are a real-life, intriguing person! It's an opportunity, not a burden, to put the finishing touch on your application. It is your last chance to amplify or add information about your background, experience, talent, skills, character, personal philosophy, and zest for life! Best advice: be true to the person you have already become, and tell us about that person!	
15 min.	Review basic Question Types and do's and do not's that come with them.	While there are innumerable topics you may be asked to write about, here are some basic question types and what you should and should not do when answering them.	Tips to Answer the Essay Question Handout 1
10 min.	Discuss how to write the essay and 10 general writing tips; wrap up unit with Handout 3: "Having Another Look:"	When you write your essay, follow this formula: beginning, middle, and end. Beginning: tell us what you plan to tell, body: tell us, and conclusion: tell us what you told. Refer to handout provided to review writing the essay.	Writing Your Essay Handout 2 and Handout 3