

CCHS Junior Workshop: College Admissions Essay

Step 1 (Organization & Introduction)

1. What's the difference between school essays and college admissions essays?

- a. Most essays at school...
- b. College admissions essays...

2. ...which means that they require you to...

- a. You have to follow the _____ you do have, and make educated _____.
- b. You can't assume anything or leave anything important _____. It's the academic equivalent of "leaving it all on the field".
- c. You have to make a great first _____, AND maintain it, AND have a great ending.
- d. You have to write better* than some percentage of other people, *including content and/or style.

3. These essays assume that you will...

- a. Follow the _____
- b. Fully edit/proofread your work – NO grammar or spelling mistakes!
- c. Stay within the _____ count that is given
- d. Write in somewhat-traditional paragraph and essay _____
- e. Follow appropriate formatting when necessary

4. However, you must also remember that:

- a. This is basically a _____.
- b. Your goal at all times should be to BOTH "get in" and "get money" – be _____ and do not settle for mediocre writing!
- c. There are a LOT of other students responding to the SAME prompts, and so part of your job is to be ABOVE _____ and _____. You must stand out from your peers to succeed!
 - i. Focusing on this last part...
 1. Be _____.
 2. Be _____.
 3. Be a strong _____.

Step 2: Prompt Analysis

Pick at least ONE prompt from the Common App or Coalition App and take notes on it in this space!

1. Discuss: What do you notice about these prompts?

2. A few more tips...

a. Notes:

Step 3: Brainstorm

On your own- Time to research specific colleges!

Name of college	SAT/ACT Requirement?	What application?	Essay?