

- An organized structure in which key points are grouped with their supporting examples.
 - Each paragraph within the essay should have its own focus/subtopic.
- Specific, detailed examples to support the thesis and subtopics.
 - Because this is a personal essay, these examples will often be stories about your own experiences, and they will probably include the pronoun "I".
- Analysis, not just description.
 - Once you have provided an example, you will need to explain to your reader how that example proves your point, why it is important, how it relates to the main topic, or why you chose that example in particular.
- Clear, readable, precise prose.
 - Please edit your final draft to get rid of grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors, as well as awkward sentences.

Requirements:

- Length: Your essay should be a minimum of 600 words if you are in English 093, 800 words if you are in English 099, and 1000 words if you are in English 101.
- Formatting: Your essay should be in MLA format:
 - Typed
 - Double-Spaced
 - Times New Roman 12 point font
 - 1-inch margins on all sides
 - A heading on the first page on the top left including your name, my name, the class title, and the date
 - A header on the top right with your last name and page numbers
 - A title, centered, one line after the heading and one line before the beginning of the essay