

English 11 Q4 College Application Essay

As a junior nearing the end of the school year, you should be considering applying to a college or post-secondary institution to earn a degree or get trained and certified in a trade. Many colleges require students to write an essay about themselves which is used to help admissions offices have some insight into you as a person and determine if you are a good fit for the college, university, or program.

For this assignment, you will choose ONE of the prompts below to write a POLISHED essay. The essay should be no fewer than 550 words and no more than 650 words.

These prompts are from the 2014-15 Common Application.

1. Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
4. Describe a place or environment where you are perfectly content. What do you do or experience there, and why is this meaningful to you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community or family.

Steps to complete the essay:

- Choose one of the prompts above.
- Open a Googledoc and name it Yourlastname Eng 11 Q4.
- Draft your essay (remember no fewer than 550 words and no more than 650 words).
- After you are finished drafting, share with your English teacher.
- When you receive comments back from your English teacher, make the necessary revisions and edits.
- When the essay is polished, copy it from Googledocs and paste it into the Odyssey assignment and submit it.