## College Application Essay Course

Definite truths and requirements regarding the college common application essay that all high school students should be aware of.

- As the common application essay continues to gain importance in the college selection process of new students, it's imperative that a student write or create an essay that meets certain criteria set up by most colleges.
- The student must learn to discover potential past experiences which could illuminate much about his/her character and personality. More than not, these experiences are not easy to recall. Time and determination are the requisite ingredients necessary to write the essay.
- Character qualities, attributes, and personality traits of the student have to be demonstrated in the common application essay
- The problem most high school students encounter when writing the college common application essay is writing about themselves. Many have never done it before. Again, it is not easy trying to write about yourself for the first time.
- Sometimes a high school student simply has to be "introduced" to himself or herself! Questions they might encounter when writing this essay are: what makes him or her tick, what comprises his or her value system. How can he or she become a happier human being and a service to others in his or her community, country, and world.
- Using his or her past experiences, the student creates a story about himself or herself to reflect about an experience or incident that reveals his true passion about something in life or a time when he or she changed both their outlook and behavior for the better.
- The student's past experiences becomes very revealing about him or her. The student needs to be extremely introspective when writing the essay. Many times, a very ordinary experience (common to everyone) handled in a personal way can be very informative of how a student copes with life or everyday living.
- The common application essay is the most personal part of the college application process. So much is riding on the student writing a well-written college common application essay because it not only aids in getting him or her into the college of his or her choice but also puts him/her on the path to a successful career.
- Finally, the dos and don'ts of effective, meaningful, and authentic essay writing for college applications is stressed and constantly reviewed during the duration of the course.

## Supplemental College Essays:

In addition to the common application essay, colleges also require supplemental essays to try and learn and to uncover more information about the student that might not be exposed in the common application essay. These essays are usually much shorter in length. Additionally, some of these essays are special application essays to determine the qualification for a particular school or program within the college.

## Writing Concepts with Grammar Review:

Writing concepts, principals, and a grammar review are integrated within the college essay instructional program. No stone will be left unturned in the teaching of these vital foundational concepts. The writing process essentially with plenty of draft writing with revision, wherever and whenever advised, is the norm of the class. The goal is great essays along with strong writing and error-free prose.