

Essay Critique Sheet



We recommend that you share this critique sheet and a draft of your essay with one or more counselors, teachers, college admission officers or others who might be able to give you some good feedback before finalizing your essay. Just make as many photocopies of this sheet as you would like and be sure you put your name on it so the reviewer will know whose essay it is.

Student's Name:

The question I have been asked to address is:

Does my introduction capture your attention, but not give everything away? Is there a better approach I could take (e.g., a quote, a more intriguing first sentence/paragraph)?

Is the main idea clear?

Is the main idea fully developed?

Is my closing clear and does it avoid clichés like “in conclusion, in summary, etc.?”

What are the best and worst parts of the essay?

Are my personal voice and personality clear in this essay?

Are there any grammatical, structural or spelling problems I have missed?

Are there any other reactions or suggestions you would like to make?

Thank you so much for your help