Your essay should reveal something important about your personality and/or life. It should be about something that your grades and test scores can't reveal.

[ ]  The essay fully and clearly addresses the prompt.

[ ]  Main ideas are supported by sufficient details that are concrete, creative, and interesting.

[ ]  Spelling errors, grammar and slang terms have been corrected.

[ ]  The essay uses various sentence structures and conventions.

[ ]  The essay has a strong opening and conclusion.

[ ]  The essay has a beginning, middle, and conclusion.

[ ]  Transitions are smooth.

[ ]  The essay is interesting and unique. It is not a formulaic essay.

[ ]  The essay tells the reader about you, as an individual.

[ ]  The length is appropriate and adequate.

[ ]  One to three people have proofread your essay and given you constructive feedback.

[ ]  The essay shows what attributes you will bring to the college experience.

[ ]  The essay communicates that you are a strong candidate for admission.

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