



Activity

The Activity Essay is usually one of the shortest essays (150-250 words) you'll write. Remember when you filled out the Common Application and were feeling a bit constrained in the activities section? This is an opportunity to dive into one of these activities and discuss a moment in one of the activities that helped shape your character and personality. This does not need to be about your most significant activity!

Here are four steps to get you started:

- Spend some time exploring your moments when you learned and grew within your activities! Make a list of 10 or more moments that you remember with powerful feeling.
- Use this small essay to share new information. From the list above, which specific moments reveal aspects of your character that might not be visible at first? Pick one of those.
- Tell your story in 3 sentences: In a short essay, there is zero room for fluff. Draw your reader in with a strong first sentence, show yourself in a moment when something changes, and then end in the action.
- Details can make a difference! The tiny details that only you remember are what make this essay memorable for the reader!