

College Essay Editing (IMPRESS WITH THESE CRITICAL THINKING HACKS!!!)

I'm on a mission to get as many students as possible to go beyond writing just a pretty story. It is all about what you do with your topic, so sprinkling in critical thinking adds dimension and depth in a way that impresses every time. Stay tuned for a quick exercise that you will impress with every time. Thank you for joining me on my channel for the best college essay advice, subscribe and hit the bell to be notified when I post a new video. Do you have your topic or an entire draft of your essay already but aren't sure it's all it could be? Stay tuned. By the end of this video, you will have the technique, a quick, quick technique, secret sauce weapon to impress every time and deepen your critical thinking. Hi. I'm Dr. Josie with Write Your Acceptance. For over 10 years now, I've been working with families and students on the [college essay writing problems solved in a couple of minutes](#). I know it's an endeavor but I know exactly how to be memorable and how to make them remember you. And now it's your turn. Okay. Step one. Once you have your kind of topic or your entire draft, see what the images at play are. So, what are the one or two images that you keep coming back to? Is your essay about math and you say "math" 100 times? Or is it about a football practice in particular and so you say "football" a bunch of times? What are those kind of one or two images that you keep coming back to or what are the one, two words that you keep repeating? That's what we're going to start expanding upon now. Step two. Now that you have your images, your words, now you're going to Google synonyms, pop culture references, and literary references. What are movies, songs, books that pertain to your topic? What are ... Greek mythology's also great for this. What are synonyms and antonyms and so just start compiling that list. Okay, so a bit of encouragement really, really quick. This may seem tedious but you are basically expanding your vocabulary on how you can express yourself, what expressions, what sayings, what references you can sprinkle in and use to really open up the essay. This will pay dividends later, I promise. Example time. Let's say I have a student who wants to write about her red hair. Culturally, it's kind of an anomaly, not many people have red hair, she doesn't know anyone who has red hair but her, people gawk at her, admire her hair, and come close and touch her hair. She wants to write about it. I start her with the exercise and she will look for synonyms for hair, for hair, let's say we have locks, right? For the color red you can say fire red or you can say candy apple red. All of a sudden, this connotation shifts, right? If she's angry or upset, the fact that people keep touching her hair let's say, she can say fire. She can resort to a more innocent or childlike or optimistic moment and use candy apple. All of a sudden we have synonyms for both hair and the color. Then, let's say pop culture references, you have the Wendy's girl, Emma Stone, you have the sirens from Greek mythology. You can sprinkle all of these in and expand the references and the dimension of your essay and what you're walking about. Are you stuck for what your image is and buzzwords could be for your essay? Comment below, I'd love to help you out. Bonus. You can do this for most, if not all of your essays. Your writing supplements as well. How you plug them in, how you deploy them in your essay, it could be a subheading, a list of words, a list of actors or pop culture references in dialogue. You can bring them in strategically in italics so visually as a marker it's slightly different and you're still expanding that scope of the essay. Whether you start looking for pop culture references or synonyms to sprinkle in and add dimension to your essay, make sure you maximize engagement. I have more videos from brainstorming to critical thinking to opening liners waiting for you here on our channel. But, if you want to get off the hamster wheel of YouTube, we also have our website, [writeyouracceptance.com](#). I have a free college essay template download for you and I have curated content, videos, examples, handouts, and personalized feedback from yours truly to make sure that you are maximizing engagement, you're showcasing your best self, and you're really, really ensuring success. Join us, [writeyouracceptance.com](#) and if you found this video helpful, please give us a like and comment helpful below and please, please share with your college-bound friends.