



2021 SUMMER ESSAY WORKSHOP

Workshop Dates	June 28 (Monday) and June 30 (Wednesday), 2021 + 1 hour of post-workshop guidance
Time	9:30 am to 12:00 pm
Location	Online
Student Grades	Grades 10 (2 ^{de}) and 11 (1 ^{re})
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Description

The Common App essay: one of the most important parts of the college admissions process is also the toughest to get right. The hard data included in the rest of your application—your grades, your extracurriculars, your test scores—can only tell admissions committees so much about who you are as a person. On paper, college applicants can be difficult to tell apart. The essay plays a critical role in helping you stand out from the enormous crowd of candidates they must confront each year.

The trouble is that most high school students have limited experience writing in the first person. Many teachers even expressly forbid it. You know yourself better than anyone else, but when it comes time to translate that crucial self-knowledge into six hundred and fifty words of prose, you might find yourself at a loss. It is such a huge, daunting task that simply choosing a single topic can seem impossible.

This workshop will help you navigate this challenge. We will begin by talking about what makes for a good college essay; we will look at examples of essays that earned admission to top US universities; and we will pull them apart piece-by-piece to figure out what makes them tick. Then, once we have a firm grasp on what makes a strong essay, we will get personal: what is it about you that an admissions committee must know?

Through a series of exercises and workshop discussions, you will brainstorm about a list of possible essay subjects and make rough outlines for each. Together, we will explore how your essay might be structured; how it might incorporate essential information; and how it might begin and end. By the end of the workshop, you will have a much clearer idea of where your essay might take you, and you will be ready for the next step: facing the blank page.

Later in the summer, you will meet with your instructor one-on-one, either to discuss a first pass you have completed or to create a more detailed outline of the draft you will write in the fall. In either case, by the start of the school year, you will be well on your way to a final draft.



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Fees and Deadlines

Course Fees	June 28 and 30, 2021	450 €*
Course Deadlines	Registration due Payment due	June 21** June 28
Payment Options	Payment by bank transfer (SWIFT)	BESPOKE EDUCATION FRANCE FR76 3006 6100 4100 0205 9240 154 Code BIC: CMCI FR PP 4 RUE DE CHEVREUSE 75006 PARIS

***FULL payment is due by the start date. Please note that there will be no make-up classes or refunds for missed classes.**

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