

## College Essay Grading Criteria IB/AP English II

A= an essay that consistently meets the criteria

B= an essay that often meets the criteria

C= an essay that sometimes meets the criteria

D= an essay that rarely meets the criteria

F= an essay that does not meet the criteria

### College Essay Criteria

The essay is personalized and will stand out as such.

The essay is specific and focused; it speaks to the topic or answers the question.

The essay is written in the writer's authentic voice.

The essay is written in a positive and appropriate tone.

The essay shows rather than tells the characteristics of the writer.

The writing demonstrates effective structure at the sentence, paragraph, and essay level.

The writing is natural and fluent.

The essay has an interesting opening and effective closure.

The writing is concise, and the essay falls within the appropriate word count.

The essay uses varied and appropriate diction.

The essay demonstrates correct language usage and mechanics.

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