

## Action Set 11

This set will assist you in applying what you learned from “The Common App Essay”. Well this is a no-brainer. We’re going to write it, revise it, write it again, revise it again, and repeat... until it’s spectacular. Attach all essays to this Aset.

- ☐ Create revised draft of your Common App Essay
  - Use what your mentors have taught you and what your teachers have taught you. Remember what we discussed about finding people that are bosses at English. You can listen to those people too. But by no means go around asking your friends or that teacher who doesn’t like to hurt student’s feelings or your dad (unless he has apparent writing skill).
  - You want to ask people that know their stuff when it comes to good writing and who is not afraid to tell you that your essay sucks and you need to go home and start from scratch. It’s like that old saying: “A best friend can tell you things you don’t want to tell yourself.”
  - **Be mentally prepared to write a BUNCH of drafts** – if that doesn’t push you enough to start super early on these essays, then you are not mentally prepared enough, because this can and probably will take months to do it right.
  
- ☐ Create revised drafts of two other Supplemental essays
  - Note the change in word limits (usually shorter) and the type of question, since it is probably much less free-form and to the point. Change your plan of action to adjust for those differences if need be.
  - **By no means think these essays are less important than the CommonApp essay!!!** To an individual college, these are seen almost in equal footing to your Common App essay (factoring in word limits). They are not inferior; in fact, they may be extra important because they are **particular to their school so you bet they will care about it**. Tons of students make the dumb mistake of blowing these off as “whatever-essays”. You should spend a fair amount of time on these also and that should explain to you **WHY** this whole ordeal takes months.

### SAT Homework

- ☐ Complete Practice Test #10. Only one test left after this!