

College Essay Assessment

Preliminary Grade:

I will return your essay with comments and a grade by next Tuesday, possibly earlier.

I will use your customized rubric to assign your essay a grade out of 100 points. The actual number of points in the gradebook will be depend on what percentage of your writing grade you want the essay to count for.

If you're satisfied with your grade and don't want to revise, you just tell me what percentage of your grade (between 10 and 40%) and you're done.

BUT

- We will likely still talk about your essay during our first writing conference.
- I would recommend, however, using my feedback for a final revision before submitting your college application.

Revision:

If you'd like to revise your essay for a different grade, you complete the following steps:

1. You type up a plan for your revision in the Conference Prep Google Doc.
2. You schedule a writing conference with me, probably next week. We will discuss your revision plan, along with other writing subjects during this conference.
3. At the conference, you will tell me what percentage of your writing grade you want the essay to count for.
4. All revisions will be due by Friday, October 2nd
5. You will then turn in your essay with a self-assessment for the different categories on the rubric
6. I will then schedule a time for us to compare our evaluation of your work and we will decide on the appropriate mark for your essay

Rationale

I have the following goals for the College Essay Assignment:

- to help you improve your writing skills
- to get to know you a bit
- to familiarize you with how I assess writing
- to provide us something concrete to discuss during our first writing conference
- to give you a strong draft of an essay that you can submit with your college application
- to give you plenty of time to continue refining your work before it is due

Having you think through a revision plan, discuss this plan with me, do a self-assessment, and collaborate with me on finalizing your grade will, I think, give us the greatest chance of achieving these goals.