

**Essay Resources 2018-19**

Art of Memory by Josh Stephens:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/josh-stephens/ask-memory\\_b\\_5980736.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/josh-stephens/ask-memory_b_5980736.html)

Showing versus Telling by Josh Stephens:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/josh-stephens/show-tell-analyze\\_b\\_5676619.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/josh-stephens/show-tell-analyze_b_5676619.html)

Beginning With an Anecdote:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pC1jsoD0ns&feature=youtu.be>

Essay Samples:

The Commute: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/write-for-the-future/an-education-that-starts-with-morning-rhythms\\_b\\_7046286.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/write-for-the-future/an-education-that-starts-with-morning-rhythms_b_7046286.html)

The Essay as Frozen Yogurt (MIT)

[http://mitadmissions.org/blogs/entry/the\\_college\\_essay\\_yogurt\\_editi](http://mitadmissions.org/blogs/entry/the_college_essay_yogurt_editi)

Creative (Common App) versus Informational (UC)

[http://mitadmissions.org/blogs/entry/show\\_dont\\_tell\\_the\\_college\\_ess](http://mitadmissions.org/blogs/entry/show_dont_tell_the_college_ess)

Best Essays (Hamilton College): <http://www.hamilton.edu/magazine/fall14/even-more-essays-that-worked>

The OWL at Purdue: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu>

Why Dreamschool U? Ask “Why Cornell? And my Answer begins with an iPod

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/write-for-the-future/ask-why-cornell-and-my-an\\_b\\_7192204.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/write-for-the-future/ask-why-cornell-and-my-an_b_7192204.html)

General Essay Advice: The College Essay Guy

<https://www.collegeessayguy.com>

One final word about essays: avoid clichéd writing like the plague.

Let’s be honest with one another: you win some and you lose some with trite, overused phrases. As a rule of thumb, give the essay your best shot. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Put your heart and soul into it. Think outside the box, and remember: the journey is the reward....

“If it bores you, don’t give it to me.”

“If your writing doesn’t keep you up at night, it won’t keep your reader up either.”