



5 Things NOT to Write About in an Essay

1. Young Love

No admissions officer wants to hear about your boyfriend or girlfriend. Never write about your sex life.

2. Resumes

Don't list your activities in written form. There are other places to do that.

3. Excuses

There are other places to explain a bad grade or low standardized test score, this is not it.

4. Luxury Travel

Don't write about your trip to Bora Bora. Or Peru. Or Capri. Never offer a play-by-play of a trip. Write about what a trip means to you, and even that can be tricky because it's overdone.

5. Disparaging religion and/or politics

You never know who is reading your application. It's in poor judgement to vilify someone, intentionally or not, you do not know.