

VT Essays

Comment [LA01]: When you go through this to accept/reject changes, go back through to check spacing, formatting, and punctuation.

- Which of your current or previous teachers do you admire most, and why?

- Of the numerous teachers that I have had ~~the privilege of learning under~~, one stands out from the rest ~~—~~ Mrs. Konnor. ~~As~~, my eleventh grade AP English teacher, ~~Mrs. Konnor is undoubtedly the one I admire is undoubtedly the teacher that I admire the~~ most. ~~Mrs. Konnor~~ She is a phenomenal teacher because she has an uncanny ability to challenge and inspire a student while simultaneously providing a comfortable learning environment. I ~~remember being excited can remember that~~ every time I walked into her class-room ~~I was excited. Excited~~ not only because Mrs. Konnor would keep ~~us the class~~ entertained, interested and, amazingly, on task but also because I could not wait to see what she would teach me that day. ~~It seemed that every time I walked into that Every~~ class ~~was filled with I was in for~~ passionate discussions and intelligent conversations about modern events, controversial issues, and famous works of literature. Every day, as I left her classroom, I was inspired to learn more about current events, ~~to~~ expand my knowledge, and to become better read in classic literature. Mrs. Konnor repeatedly pointed out ~~the~~ profound symbolism and deeper meaning in novels ~~that we never would have been able to find on our own~~, thus challenging us to look closer and delve deeper into literature. The combination of ~~a~~ relaxed and comfortable learning ~~environment~~ mixed with challenging ~~inge~~ and inspiring ~~ingation~~ lessons is unlike any I have ever faced in a classroom before and perhaps ever will again. For that, Mrs. Konnor has my gratitude and my admiration.

Comment [LA02]: This is nice but maybe adds too many words. You could delete it.

Comment [LA03]: I changed your teacher's name for my workshop and cannot remember what it was to change it back ☺ so make sure to change each instance before sending.

Comment [LA04]: Classroom is one word – I see from other instances that this might have been a typo.

Comment [LA05]: I'm wrestling with the shift from 'us' to 'me.' I see the distinction between you enjoying her class because she kept everyone on task, etc. and because you, personally, enjoyed what you learned. I'm suggesting changing 'us' to 'the class' because using the pronoun 'us' makes me feel like there is a point of view shift.

Comment [LA06]: I suspect that each class was filled - not just that they seemed filled – with these discussions. I think just declaring 'every class was' makes this a stronger statement.

Comment [LA07]: I added a 'to' here because the other two items in the list begin with 'to' – for parallelism.

Comment [LA08]: I'm not sure this is necessary. She pointed out ... thus challenging us....

Comment [LA09]: Combination and mixed are redundant.

- Describe how a world event has helped to shape the person you are today.

- As with many people, the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centers in New York ~~city~~ City on September ~~9th~~ 11, 2001 had a profound impact ~~up~~ upon me in spite of, or perhaps because of, the fact that I was only nine. As a ~~nine-nine-year-year-~~ old, I understandably could not fully grasp what had happened or ~~any of~~ the terrible evil that stood behind the atrocity. ~~However, That day,~~ a process began

Comment [LA010]: Just a few words that are not necessary and that interfere a bit with the smoothness of this 'or' construction

inside of me that day. September 11th shaped my whole world view and my ability to recognize the affect and scope of other world events. Perhaps this process is not finished and perhaps it has run its course. In any case, I ~~became~~began to become aware of a whole world full of good and of evil that existed beyond the bubble of safety and comfort known as Peters Township. From that day ~~of atrocity~~ onward, I ~~have extended my awareness to~~have been able to see how global events ~~that~~ will inevitably affect me even within the safety of my bubble. Though these events happen thousands of miles from my doorstep and involve people I have never met, they have a very real affect on me. ~~September 11th was the first of these events that I truly experienced and it changed my whole world view and my ability to recognize the affect and scope of world event.~~ I believe September 11th has shaped the person I am today in a profound way; acting as a giant pin to my safe and comfortable bubble and ~~awakening me to the vast world that lie beyond Peters Township.~~This new awareness has inspired me to or has impressed upon me the value of or something....

Comment [LAO11]: You mentioned it as an atrocity before – maybe we don't need this. Shortening to 'From that day onward' makes that beginning stronger.

Comment [LAO12]: You already 'became aware' in the previous sentence so I changed this to 'I see...'

Comment [LAO13]: This is redundant, not really necessary. If 9-11 awakened you to the good and evil in the world, did it also inspire you to want to make a change in the world? No one person can change the whole world, but we all can do little things to better it – at least we can try. As a closing statement, I would want to know how this new awareness of good and evil has influenced your lifelong goals. I don't expect it to change your career path, but it might inspire some kind of community service or international relations work on the side.

- Describe five unique or interesting things about yourself

—A person is more than ~~their~~ standardized scores and a GPA. A person is a complex culmination of experiences, thoughts, and convictions. While a ~~250-250-~~ word essay is by no means a clear window to the soul, I will try to give you an idea of who I am in the next 195 words. The most important thing to me, and the first interesting thing about me, is my faith. As a Christian, I am called to share ~~it~~ my faith with the world, and I do that as often as I can. This brings me to my second interesting thing. I have been on two mission trips to Panama and intend ~~of to going~~ on many more. Thirdly, I play defense for my lacrosse team. I enjoy it very much and like to think that I am pretty good, too. I enjoy the competition, ~~comradery~~camaraderie, and opportunity to exercise. The fourth thing is that I was born on Halloween. I rarely have anyone forget my birthday; ~~it is a pretty common date.~~ The final noteworthy or important thing ~~to that tells~~ who I am is that I enjoy playing chess. While this may seem to be uninteresting, it is a good indicator of my personality. Chess is a thinking man's game, a game of strategy, and logic, and creativity; and I enjoy strategic, logical, and creative thought ~~combined with creative thinking.~~ This is how I am wired. So, these five interesting things tell you that I am more than my test scores and GPA. I am a unique, well-rounded person who cares about people and missions, who is

Comment [LAO14]: My suggestions probably changed the word count, so check.

Comment [LAO15]: I think I know what you are trying to get across here but I'm not sure that it is necessary. People know why it is easy to remember holiday birthdays and it is because all they really have to remember is the month and the fact that it is on the holiday of that month rather than remembering the month and a number from 1 to 28, 30, or 31. So, just saying that people don't forget is enough.

Comment [LAO16]: Don't women play chess ☹️? Just say that it is a 'thinking game'

Comment [LAO17]: Idea for getting rid of the second 'thinking'

Comment [LAO18]: Closing sentence could sum up all five things. I added the sentences so you know what I mean. You can certainly put them into your own words.

competitive and social, who values physical fitness, and who I am a thinker and,
a problem solver and I enjoy strategic and logical thought while being creative.
So there I am; 250 words to help un-fog the window.