

Junior Reflective Essay

Format Requirements: This paper should be written in MLA format with the following header: Name, School name, Junior Reflective Essay, Date.

Prompt

Directions for Writing: Write a reflective essay focusing on your first three years in high school. Discuss those experiences and events that have impacted the way you have grown as a person and as a student along with your expectations and plans for the future. Based on these reflections, discuss the goals and objectives you have for your senior year and your future beyond high school.

Reflective Essay Guidelines

Use the following structure to organize your response to the prompt.

Introduction: Introduce yourself. Write a brief summary of how you have invested your time in high school. Address the ways you have been involved on campus or in your community, and the kinds of things/activities/groups/events that have interested you.

Body Paragraph 1— Adversity/Obstacles: Reflect upon the obstacles you have encountered over the last three years and how you have learned to overcome them. Discuss how these experiences will impact your ability to problem solve in the future.

Body Paragraph 2— Growth: Address the way your high school experiences and overcoming your adversities/obstacles have helped you grow as a person. Consider how your high school experiences have helped shape you. Examine lessons you have learned, people who have had an impact on you, and/or discoveries you have made.

Body Paragraph 3— Accomplishments: Discuss your accomplishments over the past three years. These accomplishments can be from any area of your life, such as academics, sports, activities, and/or community involvement.

Body Paragraph 4: Future Goals: Based on your reflections, discuss the goals that you have for your future. Address what you need to accomplish as a senior in high school to progress towards your goals. Describe how you will use the Senior Exit Interview project to research your goals and develop a plan for achieving them.

Conclusion: Final thought: Briefly discuss any insights this reflection has helped you discover.