Planning your personal essay

## Introduction:

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| Notes and ideas for the introduction (NOTES ONLY, NO SENTENCES!) |

**Thesis statem.**

## Body Paragraph #1:

**Topic sentence**

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| Concepts from sources, anecdotes and examples for this paragraph (NOTES ONLY, NO SENTENCES!) |

## Body Paragraph #2:

**Topic sentence**

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| Concepts from sources, anecdotes and examples for this paragraph (NOTES ONLY, NO SENTENCES!) |

## Conclusion:

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| Notes and ideas for the conclusion (NOTES ONLY, NO SENTENCES!) |

# 102 Personal Essay (Midterm)

Name: Group:

# Writing: Arguments based on experiences and sources (paragraph 1)

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| **0-2** | **4** | **6** | **8** | **10** |
| The text does not respond to the instructions: Insufficient use of sources, much too short, etc. | There are ideas based on some anecdotes and sources, though maybe tangentially. | Somewhat developed college-level ideas based on some relevant anecdotes and general concepts from one source. | Developed college-level ideas based on developed relevant anecdotes and a specific concept from at least one source. | Ideas and anecdotes are also particularly detailed or thoughtful, and two sources are used meaningfully, one video and one text. |

# Writing: Arguments based on experiences and sources (paragraph 2)

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| *(Same as above)* | *(Same as above)* | *(Same as above)* | *(Same as above)* | *(Same as above)* |

# Writing: Organization and essay format

| **0-2** | **4** | **6** | **8** | **10** |
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| Work does not follow format requirements. | Unclear purpose; text contains paragraphs and some developed ideas, but parts are incoherent or underdeveloped; unfocused introduction and conclusion. | Somewhat clear purpose; text is overall coherent and contains two coherent development paragraphs; basic introduction and conclusion. | Mostly clear purpose; paragraphs are coherent and distinct; thesis statement and topic sentences; coherent introduction and conclusion. | Clear purpose; ideas are coherent and logically organized; clear thesis statement and topic sentences; effective introduction and conclusion. |

# Writing: Grammar and vocabulary

| **0-2** | **4** | **6** | **8** | **10** |
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| Simple structures are used with many mistakes; somewhat unclear vocabulary. | Simple grammar is generally correct. Intermediate gr. may be absent, wrong or over-used; generic, repetitive or vague, informal vocabulary (guy, big, thing, someone, etc.). | Simple grammar is correct. Intermediate gr. is generally correct: “*he was looking,*” (past prog.), complex sentences, etc.; clear vocabulary with some academic terms. | Text is generally complex, and a variety of intermediate grammar is used correctly. Advanced gr. may be incorrect; clear vocabulary with some academic terms, and informal vocabulary is avoided. | Some advanced grammar is also used correctly, and as needed (“*he had looked*,” “*he would have liked*,” etc.); vocabulary is overall varied, precise and academic. |

# Writing: Language mistakes: 1 mistake per X words (hand-written)

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| 1 per 7 **2**  1 per 9 **3** | 1 per 11 **4**  1 per 13 **5** | 1 per 15 **6** | 1 per 21 **7**  1 per 27 **8** | 1 per 34 **9**  1 per 40 **10** |

## Language mistakes, computer-assisted version

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| 1 per 10 **2**  1 per 12 **3** | 1 per 14 **4**  1 per 17 **5** | 1 per 20 **6** | 1 per 27 **7**  1 per 35 **8** | 1 per 42 **9**  1 per 50 **10** |

**Total: \_\_\_\_ / 50**

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