

WHEN YOU WRITE A PERSONAL ESSAY BE SURE TO:



- Begin with a strong opening that seizes the reader's interest.
- Focus on a single idea that is important to you.
- State a goal for the essay at the beginning: your thoughts, opinions, reflections, or feelings on a topic of great personal importance.
- Expand on the focus idea, using details: examples, opinions, feelings, and other ideas that help develop your theme.
- Use your own voice.
- Discuss all sides and aspects of the theme.
- Close with a strong ending that summarizes your thoughts.

