



Common App Essay – Draft 2 – Student A

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The smell of a freshly made vanilla latte greets me as I enter [REDACTED] Coffee House. I can hear the other baristas chatting with our regular customers. I can almost taste the sweetness of the sugary coffee drinks in the air. I get straight to work with my usual routine of making sandwiches. The croissants feel soft and fluffy in my hands. I turn the croissants into ham and cheese sandwiches, and leave a note for the morning barista to read before she bakes the sandwiches. Leaving ham and cheese love notes is something I do every afternoon. I love the thought of greeting the morning barista with something that is sure to leave a smile on her face. I'm zoned out, listening to the 1975 on the stereo, when all of a sudden I hear a knock at the door. It is my wonderful bosses, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Although I have been working at the coffee shop for almost four years now, I have only worked for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for about 9 months. They have been nothing but wonderful. They are kind, caring, and passionate about the coffee shop. They put in so much effort each and every day to assure that the coffee shop runs smoothly, and all of the baristas are satisfied with their work environment. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have taught me so much over these past few months.

One thing that I have learned from them is a sense of responsibility. I am motivated to do my best at work and always keep a strong business etiquette because I never want to disappoint them. Examples of this could be as simple as keeping the coffee shop clean and tidy, doing a detailed job closing the shop, and going out of my way to be social and polite to each customer.

Having a sense of responsibility is important outside of the work environment as well. It is important that I always hold a certain standard for myself in my day to day life. For instance, I am never late to events, I can understand and accept when I do wrong, and I am good at managing my money well. These examples are all things that require responsibility. I plan on carrying these skills over to my college life.

Another thing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have taught me is what it means to be passionate about something. They both truly love the coffee shop so much. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are always going out of their way to make sure that everything at the shop is running very smoothly. Anytime of the day we can call them up and they will take the time to help us out—whether that be making a trip to the store, coming in and helping out, or even simply fixing any issues in our schedules. I have never been denied a helping hand from either of them.



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These experiences have taught me what it means to be passionate. I am passionate about my love for making coffee. I put my all into every cup of coffee that I prepare. Another thing that I am passionate about is photography. I love taking photos of nature, as well as my friends. In choosing a career, you have to decide what your passion will be for the rest of your life. I truly see a future for me as a lawyer. I can envision myself being passionate about that career.