



Common App Essay – Final Draft – Student A

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The smell of freshly made vanilla lattes greets me as I enter [REDACTED] Coffee House. I hear the other baristas chatting with our regulars. I can almost taste the sweetness of the sugary drinks in the air. I get straight to work with my usual routine of making sandwiches. The croissants feel soft and fluffy. I create ham and cheese sandwiches from the croissants, and leave a note for the morning barista to read before she bakes them. 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. As I work, I listen to "The 1975" on the stereo, when suddenly I hear my fabulous bosses, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], coming in the front door.

Although I have been working here for almost four years, I have only worked for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for nine months. They have been nothing but wonderful. They are kind, caring, and passionate about the coffee shop. They put in so much effort each 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.

The greatest thing that I have learned from them is a sense of responsibility. I am motivated to do my best and always conduct myself with strong business etiquette, because I never want to disappoint them. I take pride in a job well done. Examples of responsibility could be as simple as keeping the coffee shop clean, doing a detailed job closing, and going out of my way to be social and polite to each customer to more significant tasks such as making sure the cash register balances, assuring that the security system is set properly, and supporting my coworkers when they are unable to fill their shifts.

Having a compelling amount of responsibility has helped me transition from childhood to adulthood. It is important outside of the work environment as well. It is vital that I always hold myself to certain standards 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 budgeting money. Taking responsibility in my academics, employment, and personal life is a skill that will carry over to my college career.

Another characteristic that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have taught me is what it means to be passionate about something you love. They are always going out of their way to make sure that everything at the shop is being performed efficiently. At any time of the day we can call them up and they will take the time to help us out, whether that is 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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From this, I have learned to be passionate about things too. I have always been diligent about my academics. Particularly, I am extremely enthusiastic about mathematics. I started taking high level math classes when I was in sixth grade, and today I am in AP Calculus BC. There is a certain excitement that I feel when I finally understand how to solve a specific equation. A skill that can be derived from my love for math is how to problem solve, which can be used in other areas of my academics.

I have acquired several different qualities in my journey from childhood to adulthood. Some of these characteristics include: a sense of responsibility, being passionate about things, and knowing how to problem solve in various ways. These are all vital life skills which I plan to utilize in order to propel myself through college and beyond.

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.