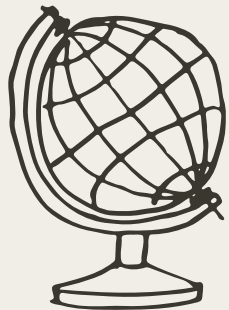


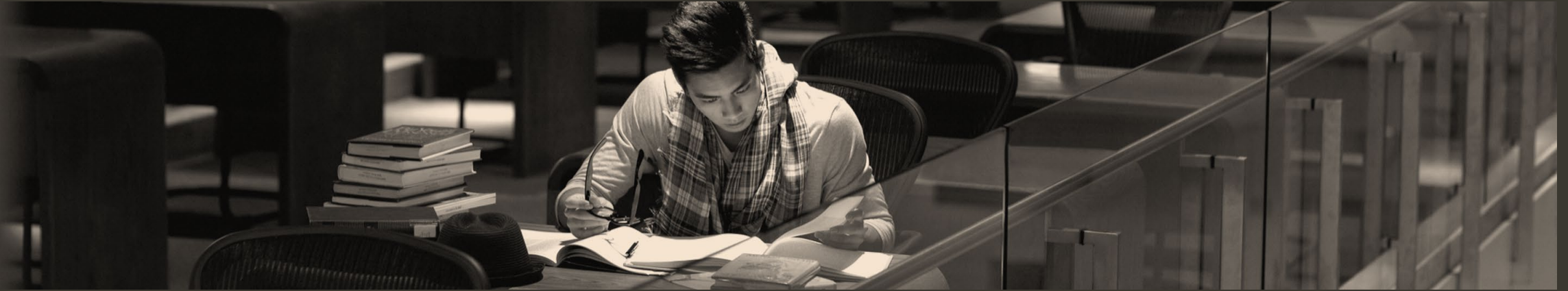
# THE ADMISSION ESSAY

## HOW TO TELL YOUR STORY

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- *Understanding the Prompt*
- *Brainstorming Session*
- *Structuring Your Essay*
- *Writing Strategies*
- *Editing, Revising, and Finalizing*
- *Final tips & takeaways*





# UNDERSTANDING THE PROMPT

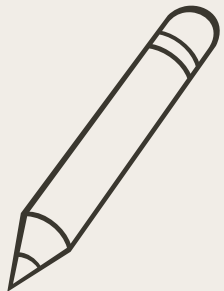
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STANDARD PROMPT  
VS  
TOPIC OF YOUR CHOICE  
DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

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**Yes! This is your story – tell us something that really matters**

- Chose a prompt you feel comfortable with
- Play to your strengths
- Be authentic
- Stay on topic with the prompt



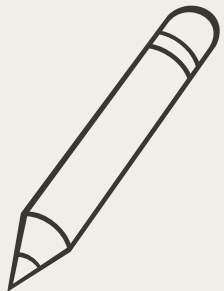


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# BRAINSTORMING

*Let's give it a try!*

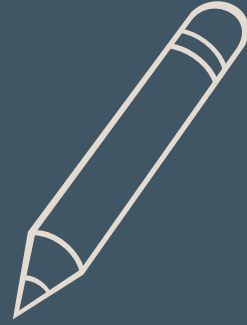
THINK ABOUT WHAT  
EXCITES YOU.  
WRITE IT DOWN.  
NOW REALLY, WHAT  
EXCITES YOU?



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## **Brainstorming – take your time with the process.**

- Consider what you want to write about for a topic
- Write 10 opening sentences and closing sentences once a week for a month
- At the end of the month re-read all that work and see what sticks
- Share the work with peers, pay attention to their reactions and feed back
- Now build the body of your essay

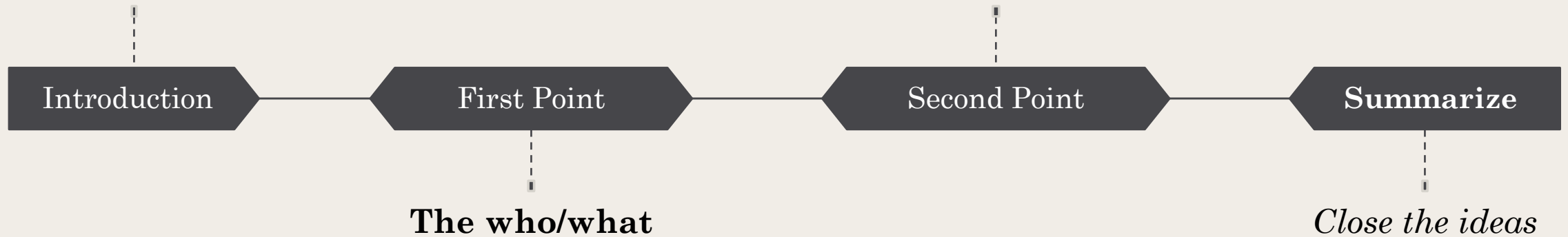


# STRUCTURING YOUR ESSAY

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## Hook your reader

*Set the tone of the  
essay*







- Your essay should have a first draft, second draft, and final draft.
- Take your time with this process.
- Hearing honest feedback is valuable. Share with your friends, family members, teachers.
- Take your time with this process. You can have as many edits as you want, but you can only submit once
- Pro-tip: If you don't feel comfortable sharing with peers, think about a new topic

# FINAL TIPS & TAKEAWAYS



## Tips

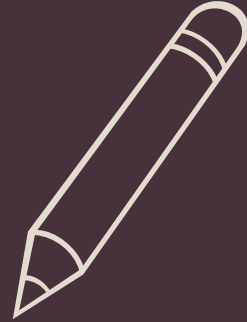
1. Be clear and concise with your word choices
2. Be authentic
3. Take your time
4. Proofread, reproof read, and again – proofread



## Take away

The essay is the only part of your application that is 100% your voice – use that to your advantage

- Find your authentic voice
- Tell your story
- Have fun with this process



QUESTIONS?  
THANK YOU

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