

Dear Students,

Welcome to the summer writing class College Essay: Tell Your Story!

I am looking forward to our time together next week. We'll be meeting in **DC Room 207**—if you don't know where that is, someone at the reception desk can help you.

You'll need to bring with you something to write with and something to write on—a notebook or journal and some pens and pencils. Every day. Don't come to class without them! If you have a laptop, bring that too. If not, let me know at schaufflerr@oes.edu and I'll arrange for a loaner you can use during class. I believe you'll finish with new skills and ideas, and with a strong start on your personal writing for the college essay, possibly a full draft. Plus, you'll explore new ideas and techniques, and I believe we'll have a lot of fun in the process.

If you were hoping for a class focused on writing an SAT essay or a “five-paragraph-essay” on a piece of literature like those traditionally assigned in English courses, this class is not for you! We will be working on clear, effective narrative nonfiction writing, which will be most helpful as you work on crafting the essays required by most colleges and universities as part of the admissions process.

If you are a parent receiving this message, please pass it on to your son or daughter, and be sure to share the student's email address with me!

Sincerely,

Robin Schauffler