

steps to help you critique your essay

1. Go through your essay and identify the specific places where your writing shows one of the four essentials (you, surprise, genuineness, thoughtfulness). Do you cover them all? Should you work on improving any of the four essentials in your essay?
2. What main message/point does your essay make to the reader?
3. What do you need to work on/change/improve in your essay?
4. As others read over and help you revise your essay, what questions do you want them to answer for you? (Example: Does the way I begin and end the essay “work” for you as a reader, or does it confuse you?)
5. What are your major grammar and punctuation issues? (Example: I tend to write run-on sentences; I know I keep using the wrong word, like “affect” when I should use “effect”)



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