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**ACTIVITY 3**

# Write Your Heart Out

**TEACHER TRANSCRIPT**

**Teacher:** “Read the NEXT magazine article, “Write Your Heart Out”. The article offered suggestions and steps to follow when writing an essay as part of the college application process. It has been said that college admissions officers look for unique perspectives, strong writing skills, and an authentic voice. Basically, this means that your essay should read as if you were standing in the room as it is being read by the admissions committee.”

**Teacher:** “For this activity, you are going to create a pamphlet offering suggestions about a college application essay.”

**Teacher:** Display instructions on the board and review with students:

**Step 1:** Research online to find at least 5 items suggesting what stands out when writing a college admissions essay.

**Step 2:** Research online 3 colleges or universities and the essay requirement for each school.

**Step 3:** Prepare the pamphlet in a logical, organized, concise and clear format. You may include pictures taken from Creative Commons licensed photos and images.

**Step 4:** Print the pamphlet

**Teacher:** Display the pamphlets on a bulletin board with the title, “Write Your Heart Out — College Essay Writing”.

**TEACHER NEEDS**

- NEXT magazine, “Write Your Heart Out”
- Laptop/desktop with MS Word
- Internet access
- Data projector
- Printer/printer paper

**STUDENT NEEDS**

- NEXT magazine, “Write Your Heart Out”
- Laptop/desktop with MS Word
- Internet access
- Printer/paper

**FLORIDA STATE STANDARDS**

**Strand ELA.12.C:** Communication

**Standard ELA.12.C.1:** Communicating Through Writing

**Strand ELA.12.R:** Reading

**Standard ELA.12.R.3.2:** Paraphrase content from grade-level texts

**Strand ELA.K12.EE:** Expectations

**Standard Expectation 5 ELA.K12.EE.5:** Use the accepted rules governing a specific format to create quality work.