

Common Application Essay

This is probably the most important essay I will ever write in my entire life. So, naturally, I've been freaking out about it. I didn't know where to start. There's so much to write about, but none of it is really making sense. Therefore, I've been asking people what to do. What am I supposed to write about? What am I supposed to say? And a lot of people have told me a lot of things, but there is something that I noticed was repeated across the board. "Sell yourself". Everyone has told me that I need to brag, I need to highlight everything good about myself. I need to "sell" myself. These words, combined with my strange fascination with commercials, led me to an epiphany. I should quite literally sell myself. So I have put together this wonderful ad for the hottest new college applicant: Zoey S.

FADE IN:

SALESPERSON

Has this ever happened to you? You admit a college applicant thinking that they're going to be great for your statistics, but they turn out to be a total dud?

CUT TO:

Black and white montage of a lazy college student who skips class and spends all their time partying. A big red 'X' cuts across the screen.

CUT TO:

SALESPERSON

Well fear no more thanks to the brand new Zoey S 3000!

CUT TO:

There is a montage, in color, of the Zoey S 3000 completing tasks such as homework, chores, community service, extracurricular activities, etc. with a voiceover of SALESPERSON's lines.

SALESPERSON

She comes fully equipped with consistently exceptional grades, an above average SAT score, and not one, but TWO moms! (Sped up) *Dad not included because her moms are lesbians so she doesn't really have a dad.

Don't be weird about it.*

In addition, she is president of FOUR clubs (including Student Council, Leo Club, Gay Straight Alliance, and Thespian Society) and she handles this all with great determination and a cheery attitude.

CUT TO:

Close up of SALESPERSON who now has a more serious, yet still over-the-top, tone.

SALESPERSON

Now, you're probably wondering "How did this Zoey S 3000 get made?" "What is it that makes her so great?" Well, I'll tell you! In addition to her natural outstanding abilities, she suffered from a great amount of stress and despair during ages 10-15 because her sister was a drug addict. Luckily, now her sister is in recovery and she has a happy family once again! However, this turmoil for Zoey has had lasting effects. For example, Zoey adopted a sense of humor as a coping mechanism to disguise the pain! But it also inspired her to do something great with herself. So now she has blossomed into a strong young woman whose goal in life is to make other people happy with her films and jokes and more importantly to give back to her parents everything they ever gave her and more because they deserve it!

(camera zooms out of close up) A lot to take in, I know, but kind of inspiring right?

CUT TO:

One of those infomercial screens where there's a picture of the product and a number at the bottom to call. With voiceover from SALESPERSON.

SALESPERSON

Call Now and get your Zoey S 3000 today! There is a very limited supply so dial quickly! If you call right now we'll even throw in her National Honor Society and AP Scholar status! So hurry up! Offer ends soon!