Tips for Essay Writing:

1. Don’t forget to proofread your work and make sure your writing is clear. Grammatical and spelling errors can be distracting to the reader and get in the way of what you’re trying to communicate.

2. Be sure to answer all of the pieces of the prompt. Some prompts have more than one statement or question that require an answer.

3. There is no right or wrong way to answer these questions: it is about getting to know your personality, background, interests, and achievements in your own unique voice.

4. Talk about yourself so that we can get to know your personality, talents, accomplishments, and potential for success on our team. Use “I” and “my” statements in your responses. We ask that you be personable and not talk about someone else. You should talk about your own experiences!

5. If you have any specific questions on essays, check out the Aggie Grammar Guide, provided by the Student Academic Success Center.

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http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions/freshman/index.html