**Mrs. Sabala, English IV**

**Group Work: Admissions Committee**

**Directions:** You are admissions officers at a College/University. Your essay writer has applied for admission to your college/university. You should assume that your applicant has a strong profile in terms of grades, test scores, activities, and recommendations. This essay will determine his/her acceptance or rejection. You will work as a team to evaluate the essay and decide whether or not to admit this student.

**Step One: As a group, create a name for your prestigious college/university**

**Name of College/University:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step Two: Begin reading your applicant’s personal essay**

* As a Group briefly look over the NYT College Essay Rubric.
* Then individually read the Sample College Applicant Essay and grade the essay using the rubric INDIVIDUALLY without consulting your group members.

**Step Three: Discuss the following questions after reading your personal essay:**

* What are the main points of your applicant’s personal essay?
* Overall, was the personal essay interesting? Did it GRAB your attention and hold it the entire time?
* Do you think this essay meets the expectations we discussed in the beginning of class (refer back to the Tip Sheet)?
* What did you like about this personal essay? What didn’t you like?
* What does this personal essay say about your applicant?

**Step Four: Review the Essay**

* As a group and compare your scores on the rubric.
* Discuss why you chose your scores and as a group collectively.

**Step Five: Complete the College Essay Rubric based on your group discussion. Make the final decision!**