



# 10 Most Overused Essay Topics Checklist

Does your essay topic fall into any of these categories? If so, does it read personal, authentic, and impactful?

- Résumé Recap
- Telling Not Showing
- Shock Value Piece
- The Grandma Essay
- Narrowly Focused
- Far Too Graphic
- Overly Thesaurus'd
- The Walk Through
- Stuck in the Past
- Reflecting on Failure
- Bonus: The Class paper