



Outline for the Community Essay

Tell us about a community you belong to.

I. Introduce the Community

- Briefly describe what the community is. This can be a formal community like a club or team, but it can also be informal, such as a group with shared values or experiences. This may be a culture or ethnicity, an extracurricular group, a religious organization, a family, a special interest group, etc.
- Explain how you became part of the community

II. What Makes This Community Meaningful

- Describe the shared values, interests, or goals of the members
- Show what's distinctive about this particular community
- Discuss specific details such as traditions or rituals

III. Your Role Within the Community

- What is your role and how do you contribute or participate
- Why is this community important to you
- Did your role change/evolve over time
- Discuss both what you give and receive

IV. Impact and Growth

- How has this community shaped you
- What have you learned from it about yourself or others
- How have you grown from this community and has it influenced your perspective, values, or goals
- How can this community experience continue to influence your life in college and beyond

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