

COOPER HEWITT

WRITING A PERSONAL STATEMENT - SCAFFOLD

STRENGTHS, INTERESTS, CHALLENGES, WORK ETHIC, GOALS – BASED ON ‘OREO’ PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE

ITEM	MY THOUGHTS
TITLE E.g. My Personal Statement	
OPENING STATEMENT Introduce yourself why you are applying for this audition.	
REASONS & FACTS Write about your strengths, interests and work ethic.	
EXAMPLES & EXPLANATION Discuss programs that you have participated in or work that you have completed. Talk about what challenges you and your goals for the future.	
OPINION & CONCLUSION Finish strongly, persuade the audience they should PICK YOU 😊	

Example Personal Statement

As a recent graduate from KIPP Washington Heights Middle School, I have achieved excellent grades in both Art and Language Arts. I particularly enjoy working with water colours, printing, pen and ink as mediums for my artworks and have learnt other techniques throughout my education. Whilst working as part of the school newspaper team, I have furthered my interest in photography and this has also been a valuable experience about working as part of a team towards a common goal. My main hobbies are Zentangling and spending time with my family, I think of myself as the ‘family photographer’. I love the challenge of putting compositions together and I look forward to exploring more of this aspect of art as I move through high school. Furthermore, I work hard to perfect my techniques and keep a sketching diary of my ideas and thoughts about new projects. My goal in the future is to be a graphic artist working for a big brand manufacturer to bring their concepts to life for their customers. With my collaborative and thoughtful attitude and enthusiastic work-ethic, I feel I would be an excellent candidate for an arts and design high school.