## **Evaluating Sample Essays**

## Sample #1

Possessions and education define who a person is. People can be snotty and still know what they are talking about while there can be really nice people who get along with who they are talking to and need help to understand the conversation. There are both kinds of people in the world go around much better.

People who know things does not always have to be nice but they don't always have to be mean, all they have to be is themselves. If a person is themselves then things are probably going to go better than if they acted somebody out. So if people acted one way and was being themselves another way how would you discover if they were acting out or being themselves? It is hard to tell.

If people acted snobby because they were rich and had everything they want they would probably think "who case about education??" and the question really is 'who really cares about education when you are rich because family." In general people who are rich are really snotty and are very rude. While the poor people are really nice because they have an understanding of what it is like to be poor while others don't.

I think that people should have an understanding of the other side before getting into an argument with them because they might have a good cause. Having a good reason to do everything is better than going with you instincs.

## Sample #2

Many of those that have everything and all the money they need say it is lonely at the top. I am a perfect example of how possessions and education can't defined a person.

For example, growing up I lived in a beautiful home right by the water, to those on the outside everything looked like I was living a sugar coated life, but what they didn't know was that life inside our home was falling apart.

My mom was battling an aggressive form of breast cancer, utilities were shut off at times because my dad had gambled all our money away even for food there wasn't enough money. Yes looks can be deceiving I was living in the beautiful home next to the water but really that was all I had. I know first hand that possessions don't make a person.

Today my mom is cancer free, we live in an apartment and we never go hungrey. I have learned the meaning of life and that it isn't about the people that love you and take care of you. I

am young to have learned this. I just celebrated my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and already I know the meaning of true life.

So many of my friends life is all about what car they are driving and what cell phone they are using. I don't have either and I have noticed that eventhough I don't have these things that other typical teenages have I am happy. Many have asked me do I miss not having these things. I think back to the life that I once lived. That life with the cell phone and house and thing that no I am not missing those things because I know how unhappy those day's were and happniess is what life is about. Things can't bring happyness and friends forever. You must make the effort in life and then then reward is what you decided to do with what you have earned.

I wouldn't take back a day of my life for the lessons that I have learned. I believe that the value of what I have taken away from life is far greater then any possession I could ever own I know who I am. And no one can ever steal or take that away from me like possessions can.

In the end life is about people and like they say, no one was ever able to take there bank account and possessions with them when they die. It is about the people that you made a difference with when you were going through your life and what wisdom or time you gave them.

## Sample #3

The possessions that a person may have, and the education they receive will define them.. Although, even if someone does have a lot of money, tey may not fit the stereotype. However, stereotypes exist and possessions and education give others an image of who you are, whether they are correct or not.

If someone has an expensive car, a lot of money and nice cloths, people on the street will show them more respect than someone with an old junky car, and cloths that do not fit right. An educated person, when in debate, will come across smart and confident, and will therefore be noticed above others. These first impressions are what people define others as.

In the 1700's, during the Revolutionary Way, the British thought that the Colonists could not win the war because they were uneducated, unorganized, and had no money. Fortunately, the Colonists proved them wrong by winning the war and establishing a new government and country. Although uneducated, the colonists were extrememely powerful, because of their beliefs. The British misread the Colonists' and therefore lost the war. The appearance of a person or persons is what most people look at, and are often incorrect.

An image is hard to break. Most people think of others with a lot of money and a good education as stuck up or full of themselves. On the contrary, someone who is poor, is thought of as lazy and uneducated. Therefore possessions and education will define you.