

College Essay Outline

Introduction:

What's your cool thing? Why is it cool to you? How will that cool thing give a better picture of you?

Trip to Australia

Beautiful sights, amazing people, and I proved to myself that I could plan and go on a huge trip all by myself

When I tell the story of Australia, people will get an idea of my adventurousness, my planning, and my love of travel.

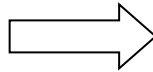
What's your thesis statement? (What will you "prove" about yourself in this essay while explaining and reflecting on the cool thing?)

Traveling to Australia provided me with amazing memories of beautiful sights and amazingly kind people, but my most lasting souvenir from my trip to "the land down under" was my self-confidence that grew from realizing that I could plan a huge trip and travel half way around the world all by myself.

Body Paragraph 1: First way you'll prove the cool thing affected you

Topic Sentence:

During my week in Australia I saw many incredible sights and became friends with the some of nicest "strangers" I've ever encountered.



Supporting Details:

Great barrier reef

Ayers Rock

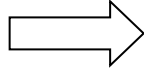
Tour guides so helpful

Friends from Norway

Body Paragraph 2: The second way you'll prove the cool thing affected you

Topic Sentence:

My Australian adventure started well before my flight departed from LAX, and planning my vacation was half the fun.



Supporting Details:

Internet research for hotels, flights, sights, tours

Making the itinerary, budgeting, saving

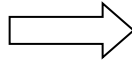
Planning allowed me to be spontaneous

Planning in real life is a source of pride too

Body Paragraph 3: The third way you'll prove the cool thing affected you

Topic Sentence:

My most lasting souvenir of Australia will be my self-confidence.



Supporting Details:

Every time I boarded a flight or saw a new sight I was reminded that I made it so

When telling the story to others, they always comment on how brave I was

On the long flight home, I felt lots of pride

Conclusion

Reiterate your thesis in new words:

When I look back at my beautiful photos of my Australian adventure, I am reminded of my incredible vacation to a faraway land, and I'm also reminded of my independent spirit and strength in planning that allowed me to get there.

Sum up your ideas:

More details about what I thought about on the flight home (sights, people, etc.), and also why I felt so proud of myself.