
A Day in the Life...: College Admission Essay Sample

Anchor (John Factworthy): Good evening and thank you for watching CNN's nightly report. Now for our new segment "A Day in the Life of..." where we talk to our viewers about what makes them...well them. Today marked a normal day for most teenagers enjoying their summer vacation; however, for one young lady, the clear skies and ocean breeze of Laguna Beach gave her motivation to do more than spend it lying on the beach consuming excess amounts of lemonade and Vitamin D. Tonight, Dashed Brooks is live with us on Main Beach with the story.

(Reporter) Dashed Brooks: Thank you, John. Good evening everyone. Arguably, Laguna Beach can be called the beating heart of Southern California culture. Thriving with boutiques, cafes, art galleries, museums, street-side music, and of course, the captivating Pacific Ocean, we are fortunate to have a jewel like this a car ride away. It is home to the annual Pageant of the Masters show, a reenactment of classic art pieces with live models, and the birthplace of many artistic careers such as muralist, Wyland. For Jane Doe, the atmosphere served as the perfect backdrop to her school project. She woke up, got out of bed, dragged a comb across her head and is ready to tell what a day in the life of Jackie is like. She is here with us now...

Brooks: Hi, Jane. So let us start off by telling our viewers why you have homework over summer vacation?

Jane Doe: Well, I cannot even consider it homework because I enjoyed it so much. For my junior year of high school, I am enrolled in AP Art History and so our teacher asked us to visit local art museums and galleries.

Brooks: So why Laguna Beach?

Doe: Well, my friend Alejandra and I wanted to make an experience out of it and, since it was such a beautiful day, we figured that it was time to truly discover this place. We live about 15 minutes inland and had both never truly spent the day down here.

Brooks: It definitely was about time. There really is so much to do here in this seemingly small town. I understand you visited Laguna Beach Art Museum, to the right of where we are standing. Tell us a little bit about what you saw.

Doe: The latest exhibition here is sponsored by Juxtapoz Magazine, a surrealist art publication. The museum also has a permanent exhibition of Impressionist en plein air works of Laguna Beach at the turn of the 18th Century. It was a very eclectic mix.

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Brooks: I can see. As an art student, have you grown partial to a particular type of art.

Doe: I love music because I have played instruments and sang my entire life. As far as art work is concerned, I had my doubts about surrealism, especially after seeing a neo-Dada/Assemblage display of Hawaiian hula mannequins holding AK-47s downstairs, but I grew to love the eccentricity of it all.

Brooks: Any particular piece that sticks with you other than...a violent hula dance?

Doe: My new favorite artist is surrealist, Mark Ryden. The Creatrix was brought here from Pasadena for the show and I love its complexity and use of symbology.

Brooks: For those of you wanting to see the exhibit, it will be at Laguna Beach Art Museum until August 15th, 2008. What else did you see today?

Doe: We also visited Fingerhut Gallery where we saw original prints from Dr. Seuss himself, a Fine Art Gallery with sketches from Monet, Renoir, Picasso, and my all time favorite, Dali, and the Wyland Gallery, which has a pathway to main beach. The views were breathtaking.

Brooks: All here in Laguna? Wow. So what makes this day so important to you?

Doe: I think today was all about solidifying my love of the arts. There is such a perfect blend of community, nature, and creativity here and it inspired me to not only continue taking Art History, but maybe in the future, scout out and report on areas like this in the future.

Brooks: Tell us, what's next?

Doe: Right now, I'm working on a writing a review on the museum, but we also did some photography today so I'll probably go home and work on those. In addition, I am working on an oil on canvas piece inspired by some of Wyland's sketches.

Brooks: Looks like summer isn't just for lounging around. There you have it folks, Laguna Beach. One day here and it is easy to be swept away by the beauty and inspired by the friendly atmosphere and culture. Want to help me sign off, Jane?

Doe: Sure, Dash. Thanks! This is Jane Doe reporting to you live from the scene for CNN. Back to you in the studio, John.

Factworthy: It just takes one day, one experience to inspire and motivate. This concludes tonight's segment of A Day In The Life... I'm John Factworthy. Good night and see you next

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