

# The Mentor Essay

**Overview:** Show the reader how you have grown and matured thanks to the sacrificial choices of a mentor.

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**Problem:** Begin with a short scene where a **Problem**, specifically a personal **flaw**, is beginning to really make life difficult and possibly prevent you from accomplishing an important **goal**.

**Goal:** Early in the essay/anecdote, include an important **goal** that you want to accomplish, but couldn't due to your **flaw**.

**Choice:** Describe **2 choices** in this anecdote: First, a **Choice** by your mentor that changed and inspired you, and second, the **choice** you made (or plan to make) as a result.

**Sacrifice:** Your mentor must **sacrifice** something tangible (time, comfort, money, other resources) in order to make his/her **choice**. This should inspire you to make similar **sacrifices**.

**Growth:** In the final paragraph, explain how you've transformed from Person A → Person B thanks to the mentor's role in your life. Be sure to explain how this has helped you accomplish (or resume the mission of accomplishing) the **goal** from the beginning of your anecdote.

