Half Remembered: A Personal History

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A personal history should be focused on what motivated you to apply to the chosen institution and field. In general, most admissions officers want to get answers to these questions: How will your future education help you achieve important goals? In addition to telling your personal history, you need to use correct spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation. Use logical and smooth paragraphs to discuss your ideas and play around with their length and form. Good writing doesn’t always equal big words. Remember that you’re writing about your personality, so use only the words that come naturally. On the other hand, avoid getting too colloquial. Explanations of any academic obstacles and challenges.