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"The Beverage That Changed My Life"

I love Perrier water with the depths of my soul. I cannot get enough of the cool, fizzy bubbles rolling on my tongue. The crisp taste is pure bliss for the palate. The bitter aftertaste is the best part of the Perrier experience.

Maybe I love Perrier because I am French to the core. I have a complicated name that is difficult to pronounce, the metabolism of a hummingbird, and I own quite a few black clothes. I also drink bitter coffee and eat baguettes and I am sometimes rude to strangers. Je suis française, hence, I have inherited the Perrier gene. Perrier is not just a beverage; it is a way of life.

There are two kinds of Perrier drinkers. There are those who are snobby and sophisticated who take small snooty sips from a glass while at a swanky café, and there are the free-spirited drinkers. I am the latter. I am one of the c'est la vie, I-have-class-but-appreciate-chaos, fine-art-loving, passionate drinkers. We drink Perrier with almost every meal and carry it around in small bottles during the school day. Unlike the snooty Perrier drinkers, you cannot pretend to be one of us. Either you are born with the Perrier gene or you are not. I hate to admit the fact that when I was young, I hated the taste of Perrier. But what set me apart from other preteen Perrier haters was that I wanted to love Perrier and inevitably would one day. I then subjected myself to years of training the palate in order to love the taste. This shows that I am ambitious. I saw something I wanted and with hard work and dedication, I drank so much Perrier that I developed a love for it. I am a Perrier lover and can never escape it!

As I was writing this essay, my table companion and classmate told me something amusing.

"You know what you're going to be when you're older?" he asked. "You're going to be one of those skinny French girls in a Parisian café, chain smoking and laughing at all the American tourists!"

I can't wait.

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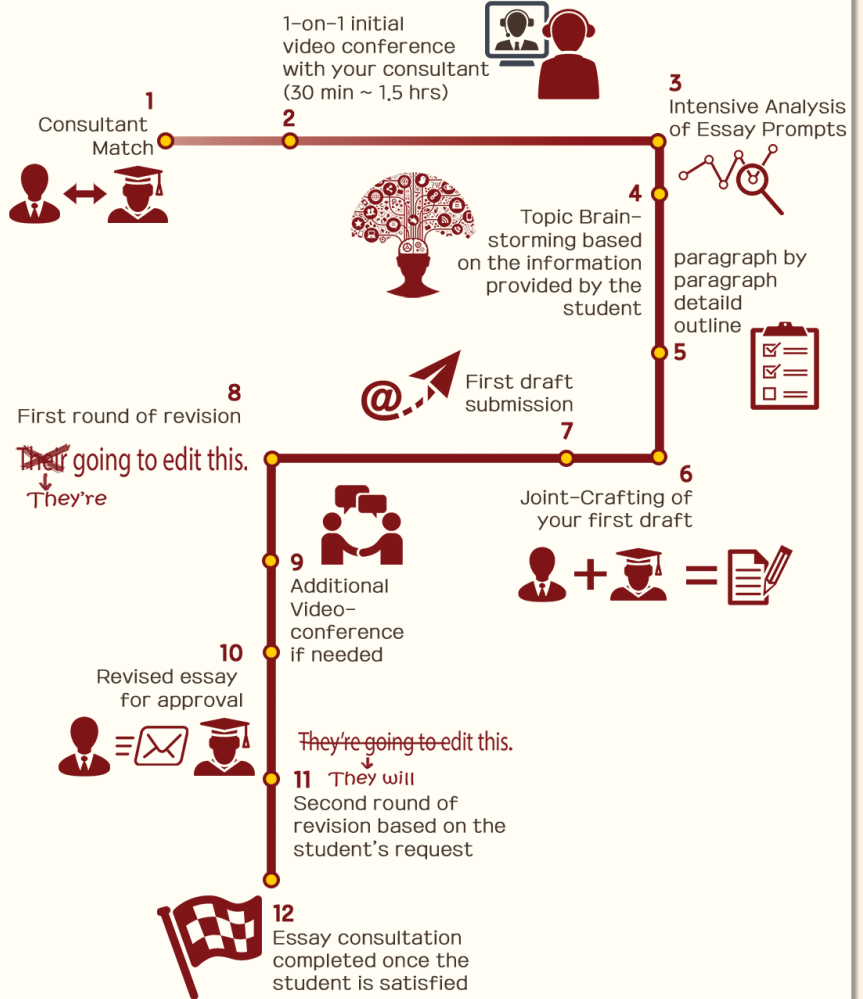
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