Handout 2: Personal Statement Workshop Extension (not currently in schedule)

Identify whether the statements below are a "*rule*" you want to follow or "*pitfall*" you want to avoid by writing the word "*rule*" or "*pitfall*" beneath the statement. <u>Then,</u> explain in your own words *why* this is a "*rule*" or "*pitfall*".

1. Strive for depth rather than breadth.

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2. Do not use boring cliché intros or conclusions.

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3. Do not discuss your minority status or disadvantaged background unless you have a compelling and unique story that relates to it.

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4. Provide the reader with insight into what drives you.

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5. Evaluate experiences, rather than describe them.

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