

We have all been asked this typical question, "If you could have one super power what would it be?" Invisibility. Time travel. Super speed. How about being a polyglot? Yes, that's right- a polyglot. Being able to speak, read, write and understand multiple languages without even having to think. Bonjour, Namaste, Ciao, Hello, Ni-How, Hallo, Guten Tag, Hola. Behind each innocent "hello" there lies a fascinating story. My favorite story happens to begin with, "Bonjour."

I seemed to know from the start that French would become my lifelong passion and primary interest. Not only is the language mellifluous and sophisticated, but it also triggered my curious nature. I became even more inquisitive regarding languages and cultures; questions that I had never asked before started to pile up in my mind. I began to teach myself French at home by visiting various websites, listening to French radio, and speaking French to my parents- if only for the fun of seeing the perplexed looks on their faces. I did just about anything I could think of to strengthen my language skills. While I developed quite a penchant for the French language, I also discovered a passion for every language and culture. I became a sponge and soaked up every piece of knowledge that I could.

French has become a part of my life inside and out. If not for French, I would be lacking the drive... There would not be the many Eiffel Tower posters and accessories that fill my room. Absent would be the whimsical, chimerical side to my personality that manifests itself in dreams of traveling to France and perhaps living there someday walking down le Champs-Élysées ... insert a detail... But most importantly, I would be lacking an enduring passion that has grown stronger over the years; something that has shaped my thinking permanently. I have a much greater admiration for other cultures. It is not something I would want to hide; I want people to know about the intensity for all things French. If I kept this passion of mine from them, they would not know an essential part of who I am.

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**Comment [1]:** This intro captures the readers interest. I like how you use a poly glot as your super power. It is a great start to your essay. It is creative- not many people use polyglot in their essay!

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**Comment [2]:** How were you introduced to French? Is there a story behind your passion? Include it here. You need to give some reasoning behind your passion ... [2]

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**Comment [3]:** What kinds of questions do you have? What do you want to learn about other cultures? Why?

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**Comment [4]:** How is French a part of life inside and out?

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**Comment [5]:** I am not sure what you mean here by lacking the drive. Lacking the drive to do what? Are you saying that your passion for all things French has give ... [5]

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**Comment [6]:** I would take this sentence out because it is a repeat statement. You could say, "But most importantly, I have a much greater admiration for other cu ... [6]

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**Comment [7]:** Who are you due to your passion for all things French? You need to make this clear. Are you a well-rounded person who appreciates other people ... [7]

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**Comment [8]:** You have a nice start to your essay on an interesting topic. You do need to add personal details. I would love to know the origination of your passion. ... [8]