

HERE ARE SOME SAMPLE ESSAY QUESTIONS

- Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?
- Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
- Describe a place or environment where you are perfectly content. What do you do or experience there, and why is it meaningful to you?
- Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.
- What person (current or historical) do you most admire and why?
- Describe an experience that has given you great satisfaction.
- What do you feel are the most significant issues facing the world today? Why?
- Describe an experience from a play, film, or book that has been instrumental in changing your viewpoint.
- Discuss one or two academic experiences (books, projects, or papers that you have done; a specific course or subject in school) that have meant the most to you during your secondary years.
- List the books that have had the greatest impact on you, and briefly discuss one of them.
- For which one of your personal qualities would you want to be remembered by your classmates?
- Identify and discuss a significant problem facing your generation that has special significance for you.
- Discuss any academic/intellectual interests that are especially important or meaningful to you.
- Discuss nonacademic interests that have been most meaningful to you.
- Analyze a problem that faces you or your community, region, or nation. How did the problem develop and how might it be solved?
- Whom would you like to interview and why?
- Ask a provocative and revealing question of a college applicant. Now answer it.
- Describe the greatest challenge you have faced or expect to face.
- If you could create a national holiday, what would you choose to celebrate?
- If you could spend a day with anyone, who would it be, and how would you spend your time?