

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 child to adult within your culture, community, or family.
- What person (current or historical) do you most admire and why?
- Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- 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?
- 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?
- Who would you like to interview and why?