

List of common essay prompts:

1. Describe a facet of your identity, background or story that is essential to who you are.
2. Pick a quote that describes a lot about you and explain why you connect with it.
3. Describe something you're passionate about. How do you learn more about it? What makes it so appealing?
4. Tell us the best advice you've ever gotten, who told you it and whether you followed the advice.
5. Write about the role that a certain activity (Sports, theater, band, etc.) has had on your life
6. If you were to give an important speech or a TED talk, what would it be about?
7. If you were to teach a class, what would your class be on?
8. Talk about a personal accomplishment that is unrelated to academics, but that means a lot to you.
9. If you could give any advice to an incoming high school student, what would it be?
10. Why do you want to attend a specific college/university?
11. Talk about a person in your life who has helped you understand yourself better.
12. What is one thing you want to accomplish in college?