

## COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS

When you apply for college admission, you will be asked to write application essays. The purpose of these is to find out about you and your ability to think and write. Choose one of the following and write a typed, double spaced essay of 500 words (1 1/2- 2 pages). When you have finished your rough draft, look for the following items:

\*DID YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION?

\*Logical format with an introduction, body, and conclusion.

\*Is there a topic sentence in each paragraph and is this sentence supported by examples, details, narrative, etc.?

\*Are there smooth transitions from one paragraph to the next or from one example to the next?

\*Is your language appropriate (formal, informal)?

\*Have you proofread for spelling and mechanical errors?

1. Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, or risk that you have taken and its impact on you.
2. Discuss some issue of personal, local, national or international concern and its importance to you.
3. However one may define it, the "concept" of home often has a deep influence on one's character, beliefs, and attitudes. What impact has your own concept of home had on the way you view yourself and the world?
4. Tell us about a talent, experience, contribution or personal quality you will bring to the University of \*\*\*\*\*.
5. Of your many personal experiences, describe the one that gave you the feeling of greatest achievement or satisfaction.
6. Briefly describe your school or community and explain how either has affected you. If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be and why?
7. Describe your favorite teacher and/or your ideal teacher.
8. Describe a character in fiction, an historical figure, or a creative work ( as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.
9. Describe your most vivid childhood memory.
10. What organization or activity have you enjoyed the most throughout your four years of high school? What did you learn from your participation in this group or activity?