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2	University of Example	Common App	Reach	1400-1510	Business	no	3 long, 5 micro	2/8	0/8	October 1	November 1	ED	Done	Writing essays	u\$3rN4m3, PassssW0rld	Visited in March	Maybe something about your major		
3	For Instance State	Coalition	Fit	1220-1350	Finance	yes	1 long, 1 short	1/2	0/2	October 15	November 15	EA	no	Writing essays	4n0th3ru53R, pA55whird	Visit scheduled for July	Or maybe something you liked on your visit		
4	Name College	School App	Safety	1050-1270	FinTech	no	None	None	None	December 15	January 15	Reg	After	Ready to submit	SuperSecret2, passWORD!	Virtual visit so far	Do you have a legacy status? You get the point.		
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Key:
Micro<150; Short<350 Long≥350

OVERVIEW TAB

SPREADSHEETS!



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1	School	Which App	S/F/R	Scores (1220)	Major	Résumé	Supplement Summary	Drafted	Final	Writing Deadline	Final Deadline	EA/ED/Reg/Roll	SRAR	Status
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13	Topic													
14	Done													
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16	Supplement													
17	Length													
18	Prompt													
19	Topic													
20	Done													
21														

EACH SCHOOL'S TAB



instructions

The essay demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do you want the readers of your application to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores? Choose the option that best helps you answer that question and write an essay of no more than 650 words, using the prompt to inspire and structure your response. Remember: 650 words is your limit, not your goal. Use the full range if you need it, but don't feel obligated to do so.

- + **COVID-19 Prompt (optional)**
- + **Additional Information (<650 words & optional)**
- + **Résumé (upload for certain schools)**
- + **Portfolio (for certain programs)**
- + **School-Specific Supplemental Materials**

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2024-2025 essay prompts

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
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2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
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3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
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4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
.
6. 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?
.
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.
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COALITION
for COLLEGE

ESSAY PROMPTS FOR 2024-2025

INSTRUCTIONS

While there is no perfect length for an essay, we recommend that you aim for 500 to 650 words. For more information on specific application requirements, please consult the website for each institution to which you are applying, as requirements often vary.

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1. *Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.*
2. *What interests or excites you? How does it shape who you are now or who you might become in the future?*
3. *Describe a time when you had a positive impact on others. What were the challenges? What were the rewards?*
4. *Has there been a time when an idea or belief of yours was questioned? How did you respond? What did you learn?*
5. *What success have you achieved or obstacle have you faced? What advice would you give a sibling or friend going through a similar experience?*
6. *Submit an essay on a topic of your choice.*

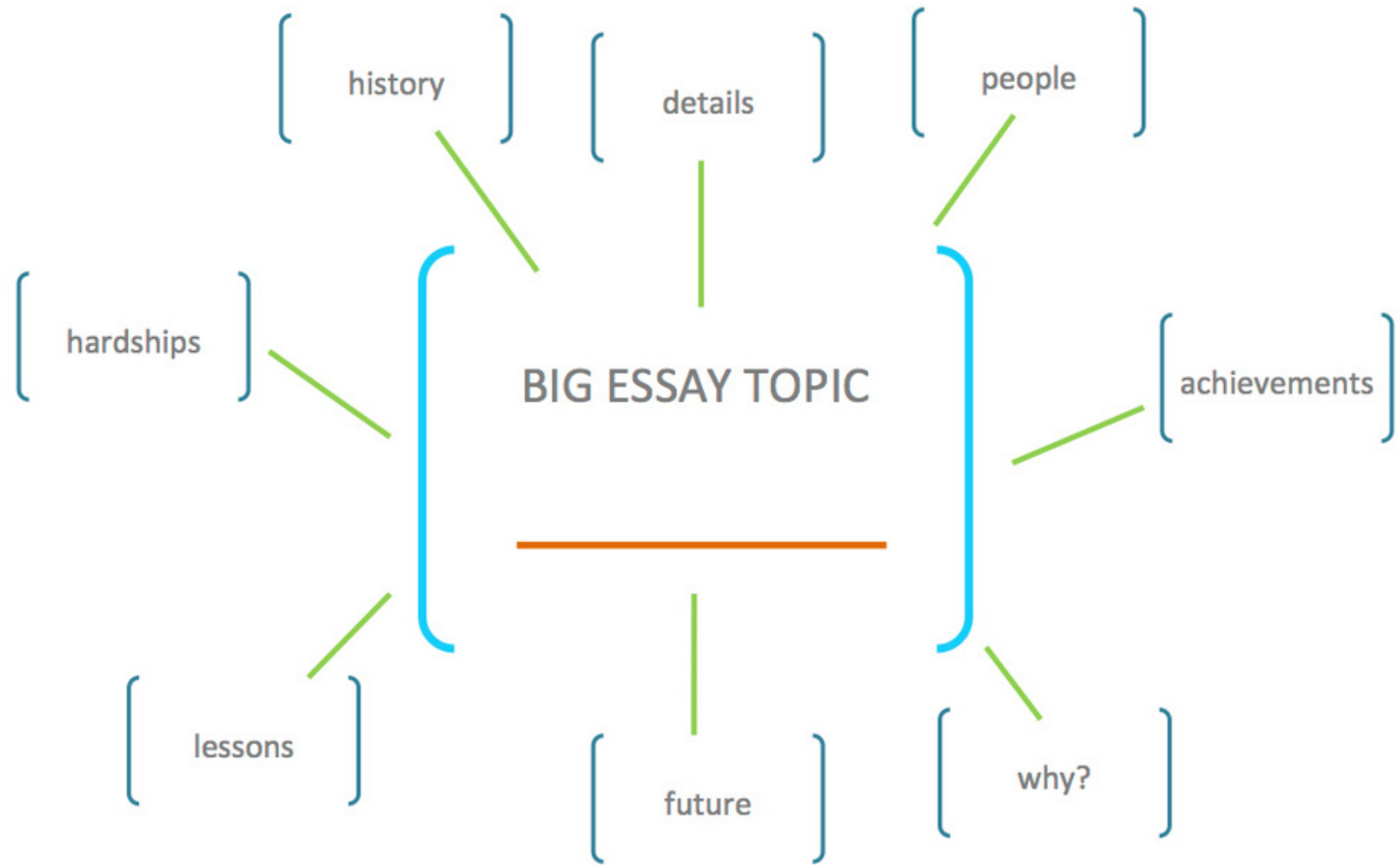


Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Austin College
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Bentley University
Berea College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bucknell University
Caltech
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Centenary College of Louisiana
Centre College
Chaminade University of Hawaii
Chatham University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Columbia University
Davidson College
Denison University
DePauw University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Eastern Connecticut State University
Elmhurst University
Emory University
Florida Southern College
Franklin & Marshall College
Furman University
Hamilton College
Hanover College
Harvard College
Haverford College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hope College
Illinois College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University Bloomington
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College
Knox College

MEMBER COLLEGES

Lawrence University
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Lycoming College
Maine Maritime Academy
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marywood University
Mercyhurst University
Miami University – Ohio
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
Mount Marty University
NC State University
New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oglethorpe University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Olin College of Engineering
Pace University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Penn State University
Pomona College
Portland State University
Princeton University
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Robert Morris University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rowan University
Rutgers University–New Brunswick
Rutgers University–Newark
Saint Mary's College of California
Saint Michael's College
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
St. John's College (MD & NM)
St. Mary's College of Maryland
St. Mary's University
St. Norbert College
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stockton University

SUNY–Binghamton University
SUNY–Stony Brook University
SUNY–University at Buffalo
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
The College of New Jersey
The College of Wooster
The University of Tampa
Trinity University
Tufts University
UNC Charlotte
Union College
University of Washington Bothell
University of Arizona
University of Chicago
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Idaho
University of Illinois Springfield
University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts–Lowell
University of Michigan
University of New England
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of the Incarnate Word
University of Vermont
University of Washington
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Wake Forest University
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Webster University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Western Carolina University
Westminster College
Wheaton College
Whitman College
Willamette University
Williams College
Yale University
York College of Pennsylvania





SUPPLEMENTAL PROMPTS

FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

AMERICAN

How do you personally define an inclusive environment? What do you believe contributes to a diverse and accepting community? (400 words Common App or 650 words Coalition App)

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

Relate a personal experience in which you were denied an opportunity or treated unfairly. How did you resolve the situation? If that were to happen during your college experience, what would you do? (250 words)

BOSTON COLLEGE

Great art evokes a sense of wonder. It nourishes the mind and spirit. Is there a particular song, poem, speech, or novel from which you have drawn insight or inspiration? (400 words)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Write about a person, event, or experience that helped you define one of your values or in some way changed how you approach the world. (250-600 words)

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Beyond your impressive academic credentials and extracurricular accomplishments, what else makes you unique and colorful? Anything goes! Inspire us, impress us, or just make us laugh. (650 words)

(EXAMPLES OF, NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST)



WHO ARE YOU?

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

What is your favorite snack?
What is your theme song?
(100 characters each)

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Please tell us an interesting or amusing story about yourself from your high school years that you have not already shared in your application? (300 words)

BARNARD

Pick one woman in history or fiction to converse with for an hour and explain your choice. What would you talk about? (100-250 words)

WAKE FOREST

Give us your top 10 list.
Theme: (100 characters)

PROVIDENCE

In a divided society filled with strong opinions, how do you work to ensure all viewpoints are considered and the ultimate truth is discovered? (500 words)

SYRACUSE

Who is the person you dream of becoming and how do you believe Syracuse University can help you achieve this? (250 words)

HARVARD

The Harvard College Honor code declares that we “hold honesty as the foundation of our community.” As you consider entering this community that is committed to honesty, please reflect on a time when you or someone you observed had to make a choice about whether to act with integrity and honesty. (no word limit)

DARTMOUTH

“I have no special talent,” Albert Einstein once observed. “I am only passionately curious.” Celebrate your curiosity. (250-300 words)

DUKE UNIVERSITY

If you would like the opportunity, we invite you to share more about your sexual orientation. (250 words)

EMORY

What motivates you to learn? (150 words)

STANFORD

Imagine you had an extra hour in the day – how would you spend that time? (50 words)

VILLANOVA

Share a situation when you have needed help and what you have taken away from this experience. (250-1,000 words)

COLUMBIA

List the titles of the books you read for pleasure that you enjoyed most in the past year. (150 words)

LEHIGH

Why have you chosen to apply to Lehigh University? (150 words)

Supplemental Prompts Counter 2023-2024

THESE ARE POTENTIAL EXTRA MATERIALS (short answers, essays, major/program-specific essays, résumés, portfolios) STUDENTS MAY NEED TO WRITE OR PREPARE IN ADDITION TO OR INSTEAD OF THE COMMON APP ESSAY.

Alvernia University	2-3	R	P
American University	3-9		P
Amherst College	5		P
Auburn University		R	
Bard College	1	R	P
Barnard College	2-5	R	P
Bates College			P
Baylor University	1	R	
Belmont University	1		
Bentley University	2-4		
Berry College	1	R	P
Bethany College	1		P
Boston College	1	R	P
Boston University	3-1		
Bowdoin College	2-4		P
Brandeis University	2-3		P
Brown University	7-10	R	P
Bryant University		R	
Bryn Mawr College	2	R	P
Bucknell University	2	R	P
California Institute of Technology	10		P

Carleton College	2		P
Carnegie Mellon University	4		
Case Western Reserve University	0-2		P
Centre College	1	R	P
Chapman University	13	R	
Claremont McKenna College	2	R	P
Clark University	3	R	P
Clemson University	1-4	R	P
Coastal Carolina University	2-4		
Colgate University	3		P
College of Charleston	2-3		
College of Mount Saint Vincent	1		
College of Wooster	1		
College of William & Mary	1-3		P
Colorado College	1-2		P
Colorado State University	1		
Columbia University	7-9		
Cornell University	3-5	R	
Culver-Stockton College	1		
CUNY — Baruch College	1		
CUNY — Hunter College	1		
D'Youville College	1-2		
Dartmouth College	3	R	P
Davidson College	2	R	P
Dickinson College	1	R	P
Drew University	0-3	R	
Drexel University	1-3		
Duke University	2-4		P
Duquesne University	1	R	
Earlham College	1	R	P
East Carolina University	1		
Elon University	6	R	P
Emerson College	2-3		P
Emory University	2		
Fairfield University		R	
Flagler College	2	R	
Florida State University		R	
Fordham University	1		
Furman University		R	
George Mason University	3-4		
George Washington University	1-3		P
Georgetown University	3		
Georgia Institute of Technology	1		

Gonzaga University	1		
Goucher College	3		
Harvard College	5		P
Harvey Mudd College	2		P
Haverford College	2		P
High Point University	3	R	P
Hillsdale College	3	R	
Hofstra University	1		
Howard University	2	R	P
Illinois Institute of Technology	3		
Indiana University Bloomington	1		
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	2-5		
Iona University	1	R	
Ithaca College	1		
Johns Hopkins University	1-2	R	
Juniata College	2		P
Kalamazoo College	1		
Lafayette College	1		
La Salle University		R	
Lawrence University	1	R	P
Lehigh University	3-7		
Lewis and Clark College	1		
Lipscomb University	3	R	P
Loyola Marymount University	2		P
Lynn University	2	R	P
Macalester College	4	R	P
Malone University	1		
Manchester University	4		
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	6-8		
Marist College	2-4	R	P
Miami University (Ohio)		R	
Monmouth University	1-3	R	P
Montclair State University	1-2	R	P
Moravian College	3		P
Mount Holyoke College	1	R	P
New Jersey Institute of Technology	1-2	R	P
New York University	1-2		
North Carolina State University	2-3		
Northeastern University		R	
Northwestern University	3	R	
Nova Southeastern University		R	
Occidental College	3	R	P
Old Dominion University		R	

Pace University		R	
Penn State University	1-12		
Pepperdine University	1	P	
Pitzer College	2	P	
Pomona College	3	P	
Princeton University	5-7	P	
Providence College	1	P	
Purdue University	4-6		
Quinnipiac University	1	R	
Ramapo College of New Jersey	1-3		
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	3-8	R	
Rice University	3-5		
Rider University		R	
Rochester Institute of Technology		R	P
Roger Williams University	1-3	R	
Rutgers University	1		
Santa Clara University	3	R	
Sarah Lawrence College	1	P	
Scripps College	2	P	
Seattle Pacific University	1		
Southern Methodist University	2	R	
St. John's University (NY)	1-2		
Stanford University	8	P	
Stevens Institute of Technology	1-2	R	
Stonehill College	1		
SUNY Buffalo	1		
SUNY Stony Brook University		R	
Swarthmore College	2	P	
Syracuse University	1		
Texas A&M University	4-5		
Texas Christian University	5-6	R	P
The College of Idaho	1		
The College of New Jersey	1	P	
The New School	2-3	P	
The Ohio State University	1		
Towson University	1-2		
Trinity College (CT)	5-6	R	P
Tufts University	2-4		
Tulane University	1	R	
United States Air Force Academy	2		
United States Coast Guard Academy	2		
United States Merchant Marine Academy	2		
United States Military Academy	2		

United States Naval Academy	2		
University of Alabama	7		
University of Arizona	1	R	
University of California (9 campuses)	4		
University of Chicago	2		
University of Cincinnati	1		
University of Colorado Boulder	1		
University of Connecticut	1-4	R	P
University of Delaware	1		
University of Florida	2-5		
University of Georgia	1	R	P
University of Illinois — Chicago	1-4		
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	2-5		
University of Mary Washington	2-3		
University of Maryland	6	R	
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	1-5		
University of Massachusetts — Amherst	3	R	
University of Miami	1		
University of Michigan	2		
University of Minnesota	2-5		
University of New Hampshire		R	
University of North Carolina at Asheville	1		
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	3-6	R	
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	1-2		
University of North Carolina Greensboro	1		
University of North Carolina at Wilmington	1-2		
University of Notre Dame	5	P	
University of Oklahoma	3-7		
University of Oregon	2-5		
University of Pennsylvania	2-7	R	
University of Pittsburgh	2-3		
University of Rhode Island	1		
University of Richmond	1		
University of Rochester	3		
University of San Diego	2		
University of San Francisco	1-8	R	P
University of Southern California	4-7	R	P
University of Tennessee	5-7	R	P
University of Texas at Austin	5-9		
University of Texas Dallas		R	
University of Utah	0-2		
University of Vermont	1		
University of Virginia	2		

University of Washington	3-4		
University of Wisconsin — Madison	3		
Ursinus College	1		
Vanderbilt University	1	R	
Vassar College	3	P	
Villanova University	2		
Virginia Tech	4		
Wake Forest University	6		
Washington and Lee University	2	R	
Washington University in St. Louis	4-5	P	
Wellesley College	1	P	
Wesleyan University	1	P	
West Chester University	1-3	R	
Wheaton College (MA)	1	P	
Wheaton College (IL)	1		
William and Mary	2-3	P	
Williams College	1	P	
Wofford College	1	R	P
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1	R	P
Yale University	8	R	P
Yeshiva University	16		

This is not an exhaustive list.
Tallies based on 2023 cycle.
Subject to change in 2024.

R = Résumé
P = Portfolio





COVID-19 PROMPT

for the Common App

250 WORDS

Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces.

Do you wish to share anything on this topic? Y/N

Please use this space to describe how these events have impacted you.

The question will be accompanied by a more detailed FAQ to help students consider the kinds of impacts they may wish to report, including illness and loss, housing and employment disruptions, and shifting family obligations.



NOTES

LIST OF COLLEGES

TO DO

TO PLAN

TO BUY

TO REMEMBER

Erdbeeren und Waldfrüchte. Don't mess it up.

It was a sweltering summer day, the sun bearing down on the asphalt streets packed with people. Erdbeeren und Waldfrüchte, I nervously rehearsed before approaching the counter. "Guten Morgen," I announced to the cashier, "Darf ich bitte ein Eis mit Erdbeeren und Waldfrüchte?"

"Drei Euro, bitte."

I fished through my wallet, looking for the silver-and-gold two-Euro coins, and paid for my ice cream cone of strawberry and wild berry (Erdbeeren und Waldfrüchte), then headed back toward the street, where my host family was waiting.

"Everything went well?" Veronika, my host mother, asked, looking to her husband, Michi, wrangling their five-year-old son, Lorenz.

"Yeah, it's good!"

"Kein mehr Englisch!" cried Lorenz, red in the face and nearly crying.

A 17-year-old boy with Chinese features, I must've stood out like a sore thumb from my all-German host family and the all-German crowd in Marienplatz.

Days earlier, my leg jittered rhythmically in Newark International Airport as I fished around my backpack, checking for the hundredth time that everything was there. I was about to fly to Germany, an experience I had dreamt of for months, and my mind was racing. I was the incoming president of German Honor Society, the kid in German class everyone asked when they forgot a grammatical convention. I was prepared.

So why did my heart jump when Lorenz said, "No more English?"

His words stuck with me for the rest of the day as I ran through every German lesson I could remember. Ever since sixth-grade, my German teachers taught with music, fun lessons on the quirks of German culture and stories from their experiences there. For six years, I'd been graded on everything I wrote and said. And I loved it. I dove into German history and culture and kept up with German news. I rallied students at the school activity fair to the German booth, growing the club to the largest it had ever been. But walking through the streets of Munich, I felt a weight on my shoulders. I didn't want to mess up.

The next morning, at the start of my internship in BMW's tax department, Mona, my boss for the next three weeks, greeted me in German and introduced me to the four tax advisors I'd work with, who also greeted me in German.

Can I do this? I took a deep breath and spoke. "Ich heiÙe Kenneth, ich bin der neue Schülerpraktikant." Their nods of understanding made me feel relieved.

I can do this: No more English.

After days of speaking nothing but German at home and at the office, I came home one afternoon to Lorenz playing in the living room. He ran over to proudly show me his Pokémon cards. After days of speaking German, Lorenz seemed comfortable with me.

Over dinner, Veronika and I discussed politics, trading news articles and cracking jokes. I almost forgot I was speaking a foreign language.

After three weeks supporting my colleagues at the office, exploring the city's labyrinth of sidewalks and hiking to breathtaking views of the Bavarian Alps with my host family, I didn't feel like I stood out anymore; I felt like I belonged.

As I got off the plane back in New Jersey, I was filled with ideas for the upcoming year of German Club: pretzel baking, traditional dances, art and architecture. My travels have taught me just how beneficial it is to be immersed in a foreign language and culture.

Working with a multinational company also showed me the sheer scale of our world's interconnectedness. A decision in Munich doesn't just affect Germany, but a web of global supply chains, connecting offices, factories and transportation hubs. I plan to study abroad during college to expand these perspectives, understanding the systems that have been built to handle our new era of globalization.

STUDENT EXAMPLE ESSAY

BY KENNETH CHAN

**Attending: Princeton
Accepted: Cornell,
Johns Hopkins,
Carnegie Mellon,
University of Virginia,
Georgia Tech, Case
Western Reserve, UNC
Chapel Hill, Boston
College, Purdue Honors,
Rutgers Honors**

**Common App prompt:
*Discuss an
accomplishment,
event, or realization
that sparked a period
of personal growth
and a new
understanding of
yourself or others.***



sample supplement

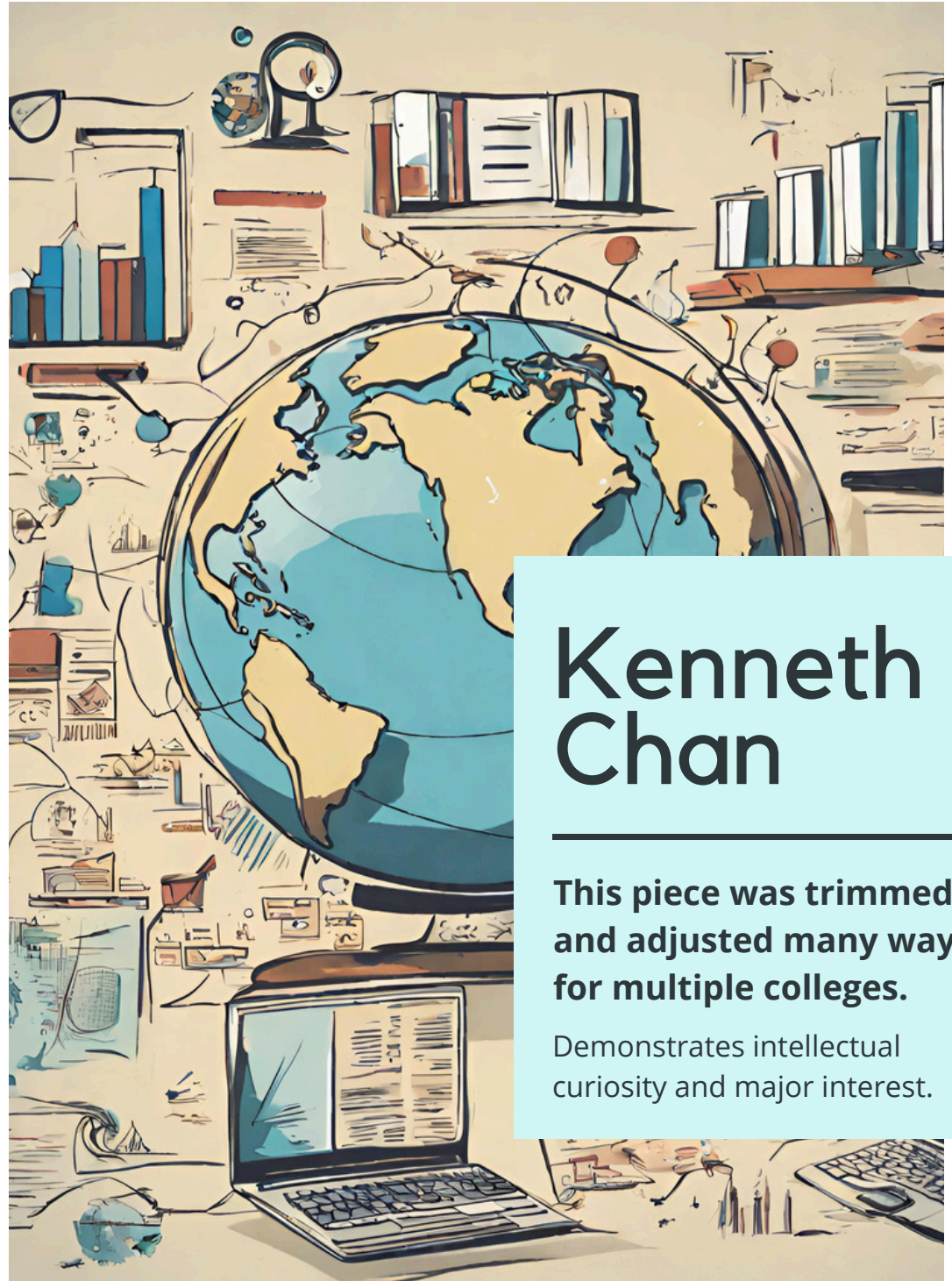
As the pandemic started, I filled my free time diving into American and British history's exciting battles, grandiose speeches and stunning turning points that captivated my imagination. But as I examined each conflict, action and decision, what amazed me was how almost every twist could be whittled down to economic causes. It began an obsession that led me to videos, articles and books. When I found an online course for AP Microeconomics, I was enticed. Just one problem: Algebra II was a prerequisite.

Yielding to my groveling, my mom bought me three months of tuition to an online platform and I was off. I breezed through the first unit without difficulty. Then the second. Then the third.

Every morning of quarantine, I'd crack open my computer and keep going. Synthetic division, exponentials, logarithms — I didn't even stop when I got to calculus. I filled three notebooks with notes and problem sets. By the end of those three months, I'd finished everything through Calculus II.

Armed with my new math toolset, the AP Economics course was filled with connections: profit maximization, utility optimization, the Lorenz curve were all connected to calculus. It helped me develop a system of examining history. Economics is history uncloaked, helping answer not only "How did we get here?" but "Where are we going?"

Economics is a powerful tool to explain decision-making, public policy and inequality. But theory has no value without connection to real-world data. I want to use mathematics to apply data-driven solutions to complex problems. I'm drawn to computational finance, a field marrying economic theories to the mathematics that drive them. By framing each decision as an optimizable task — as economics presupposes — and using mathematics to find those optima, I will help develop more efficient global systems to forge a fairer future.



Kenneth Chan

This piece was trimmed and adjusted many ways for multiple colleges.

Demonstrates intellectual curiosity and major interest.

DO

- DO** / Be yourself.
- DO** / Highlight your strengths.
- DO** / Stay positive.
- DO** / Show a little creativity.
- DO** / Be honest.
- DO** / Care about your topic.
- DO** / Have a consistent and solid message.
- DO** / Be specific.
- DO** / Say something that is unexpected.
- DO** / Make it believable.
- DO** / Describe things.
- DO** / Think before writing.
- DO** / Edit carefully.
- DO** / Be confident.

DOs

Before we really get to writing, here is a list of things to make sure you do and things to make sure you don't do.



Keep these in mind as you write and edit all of your essays.

DON'Ts

DON'T

- DON'T** / Explain away bad grades or test scores.
- DON'T** / Lie.
- DON'T** / Show off.
- DON'T** / Be general.
- DON'T** / Be boring.
- DON'T** / Plagiarize anyone else's essay.
- DON'T** / Forget to answer the question.
- DON'T** / Try to describe everything about yourself.
- DON'T** / Use a famous quotation that isn't part of a prompt.
- DON'T** / Write what you think the admissions committee wants to hear.

