## Essays

# One of the Best Strategic Tools to Get You into The Best Suitable College or University

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## The Nature of College Essays

As part of the application package, the most selective colleges require their applicants to submit at least one writing sample: the college essay(s) or a personal statement.

The application essay prompts are broad and open-ended, in order for the writing to give as much insight as possible into who the applicant is as a person, and whether the applicant fits the student profile the college is looking for.



#### What are their essay prompts?

- MIT
- University of California
  - 10 campuses
- Common Application
  - 1,000 colleges and universities









### **Essay Writing Strategic Guidelines**

Do some self-exploration. Your essay is all about showcasing yourself.

Read the instructions and follow them. Be conscious of any length limits (50, 200, 350, 650 words, etc.).

Be honest. The point of college essay is to show who you are, not who you wish you were. Stick to what you know and your true personality will shine through.

#### **Essays Summary**

A well-written essay/personal statement needs excellent writing skills and practice.

Being able to write well will not only help you to get in, but also become successful at the college/university of your choice, and beyond.

For colleges use Common Application, in addition to essays required by Common App, individual colleges require their own supplemental essay questions. Don't miss them!

Best wishes to your college application and graduation as well!