**What is it about Yale that has led you to apply? (125 words or fewer)\***

It is Yale’s strong take on mentorship. Having experienced being a minority and majority in different cultures, I am intrigued to join the Yale Genocide Studies program under Professor David Simonsto to learn the impact of minorities in different religions through a historical context. Growing up in a society where wealth disparity is a norm, I plan to draw from the multiple social sciences perspectives of Religion in relation to the social-conflict theory for my senior essay.

Coupled by the residential college system and seminar-style discourses, the community will allow me to work closely with potential mentors and mentees to evaluate Marx’s critical argument on whether or not “*religion is the opiate of the masses”,* further investigating the claims and counterclaims applicable to today’s society.

*Hi Raisa!*

*I think taking an academic approach to this prompt is a smart one given the maximum length of the response. Good job!*

*- Matthew*