

WRITING PROMPT IDEAS

- 1. Evaluate an important experience you have faced and its impact on you.** Make sure that you are exploring the complex nature of the event and your response to it.

- 2. Discuss a personal, local, national or international issue and why it is important to you.** Make sure to focus on how the issue is important to you, more than the actual issue, to give the reader a sense of your character and passion.

- 3. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.**
In an essay about an important influence, analyze the “hero.” The person’s influence may have been positive or negative, but make it clear what learning you gleaned from this person.

- 4. Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure or a creative piece that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.** Do not describe, but dig deeper to analyze the character or creative work. Why is it powerful and influential to you?

- 5. Given your personal background, describe an experience that represents how you would add to the diversity of _____ (college campus, military unit, trade or volunteer organization).** What they are really asking is how you will contribute your unique experiences and skills to make their organization better.