

Demystifying the Common App Essays

Warm-up exercises

1. 5 things _____

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2. 7 adjectives _____

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3. Playlist _____

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Why did you choose these?

4. My skills and values

Common Application Essay Questions

Essay 1:

<p>Background</p>	<p>○</p> <p>○</p> <p>○</p> <p>○</p> <p>○</p>
<p>Identity</p>	<p>○</p> <p>○</p> <p>○</p> <p>○</p> <p>○</p>
<p>Interest</p>	<p>○</p> <p>○</p> <p>○</p>
<p>Talent</p>	<p>○</p> <p>○</p> <p>○</p>

Essay 2:

Challenge	
Physical Impact	
Mental Impact	
What did I do about it?	
Outcome?	
What did I learn?	

Essay 3:

Essay 4:

Essay 5:

Status quo	
Event	
What did I do?	
Outcome?	
How did I grow personally?	
Did I develop a new understanding of others?	
New status quo	

Essay 6:

What makes you lose track of time?

Why does it captivate you?

How do you learn more?

Essay 7:
