



SAY SOMETHING

- steps to starting your college essay -

An admissions director from Kenyon College shared 20 writing prompts to help WHS students start thinking about ways to prepare for conversations with your school counselor or an admissions representative! The questions are designed to help you develop a better sense of what type of college might work best for you. Additionally, the responses to these questions can provide an excellent foundation for a college essay! The more thorough your answers, the more likely you are to develop an excellent essay (or two!) as well as start a fulfilling and appropriate college search!

1. What are your personal strengths?
 2. What are your personal challenges?
 3. What are your academic interests?
 4. What kind of academic learner are you?
 5. What are your academic goals? Professional goals?
 6. What type of environment helps you learn best?
 7. What has been the most challenging situation you have ever faced? How did you grow from dealing with that situation?
 8. Name several ways in which you think you have grown since entering high school?
 9. How would your friends describe you? Give 3-4 adjectives. Why did you choose those adjectives (why do you think they would describe you that way)?
 10. How would your teachers describe you? Give 3-4 adjectives.
 11. How would your parents describe you? Give 3-4 adjectives.
 12. How do you want others to see you? Provide 3-4 adjectives.
 13. Who do you admire? Why?
 14. Who or what type of person brings out the best in you?
 15. Who or what type of person inspires you?
 16. How do you make a difference in the classroom?
 17. How do you contribute to the learning of others?
 18. How eager are you to work hard? How deeply do you want to be challenged?
 19. How do you want to make connections with others?
 20. How do you present your best self?
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