

# College Application Essay

***“The scariest moment is always just before you start.” –Stephen King***

Try using one of these questions to get your essay going:

1. Recall a portion of a conversation you overheard while standing in line waiting for a movie to start or riding a bus. Why did it catch your interest?
2. Did you ever get something in the mail?
3. Which bones have you broken and how?
4. Which childhood possession do you still own?
5. What do you remember about the first person who ever gave you a valentine?
6. Have you ever told a lie that you wish you could un-tell?
7. Have you ever received praise from an unexpected source?
8. Have you ever been someone's hero?
9. If you had to start collecting something, what would it be?
10. Do you have a hiding place?
11. Have you ever had an idea for an invention?
12. Which section of the newspaper do you always read first?
13. When you and your classmates are reminiscing at your tenth reunion, which one of your escapades or accomplishments do you think you will be remembered for?
14. Name one thing you were taught in high school that you do not believe?
15. Is your best friend from ninth grade still your best friend?
16. Have you ever traveled to a place you want never to visit again?
17. Have you ever played it safe and regretted it?
18. Have you ever taken a risk and regretted it?
19. Have you done something recently that you laugh about every time you think of it?
20. Has someone ever turned to you for help because you have a particular talent, skill, or kind of knowledge?
21. Have you ever pulled a great practical joke or successful scam?
22. What unusual features would you include in the design of your ideal house?
23. What is the worst time you have ever had at an event where a good time was the point?
24. What is the most embarrassing thing you have ever done?
25. What is the dullest thing you have ever done?
26. What is the best or worst advice you have ever received?
27. How did you learn to ride a bike, ice skate, or drive a car?
28. After your last argument, what did you wish you had said?
29. Do you ever wonder what a famous person does when no one is looking?
30. Have you ever experienced an irrepressible urge to laugh in a formal circumstance or during a solemn event?