

## What kinds of essay topics are there for college admissions essays?

Essay topics vary for each college. Some topics may include your background, a person of influence, an accomplishment, a personal quality, an area of interest, etc.

## How many essays are required for the CSU application?

The CSU application does not require any essays.


## How many essays are required for the UC application?

The UC application requires two essays. Both essays must be a maximum of 1,000 words total. If you choose to write one that is greater in length, the shorter one must be no less than 250 words.

## How many essays are required for the Common Application?


The Common Application requires one short answer essay expanding on an extracurricular activity or work experience and one personal essay on a topic of your choice or on one of the prompts listed. The short answer essay must be 1,000 characters maximum and the personal essay must be 250-500 words. In addition to these two essays, some colleges may require supplemental essays that can vary in topic and length.



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