



SENIOR AUTOBIOGRAPHY: DUE JULY 6

STUDENT NAME:

COLLEGE COUNSELOR:

Listed below is your senior autobiography assignment. Most of the questions posed to you are originally college admissions essay questions (past and present). This is an opportunity to brainstorm and express important aspects, highlights and/or hardships of your life. This is also a great way to share pivotal reflections and insights with your college counselor. Your autobiography can be a nice exercise to help you to begin brainstorming about possible college essay topics.

This is a significant assignment and should be completed in a thoughtful manner. Most prompts should be answered in an essay format. We encourage you to add details, descriptions and stories. Please answer each question separately and number each answer accordingly.

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. What three characteristics describe you best and why?
2. What is the hardest part of being a teenager now? What's the best part? What advice would you give a younger sibling or friend (assuming they would listen to you)?
3. What was the environment you were raised in? Describe your family, home, neighborhood, or community, and explain how it has shaped you as a person.
4. Describe one of your proudest intellectual achievements--such as a paper, project, school production, or performance. Explain not only that achievement, but what you gained from that experience.
5. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?

6. What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given, and why?
7. From recognizing break dancing as a new Olympic sport, to representation in media, to issues of accessibility in our public transit systems, what is something that you can talk about endlessly? What do you care about and why?
8. List a few words or phrases that describe your ideal college community.
9. Where have you traveled and/or lived (or spent considerable time during vacations) and how has it influenced you?
10. List all your extracurricular activities, community service, significant family responsibilities, and jobs/internships (both at Sidwell and outside of school) from 9th grade to present in order of importance. Please list the years of participation along with the activity.
11. Please briefly elaborate on one of your most meaningful extracurricular activities or work experiences.
12. How did you spend your past two summers?
13. If there are any inconsistencies within your academic record that you would like to explain, please do so here.
14. Have you ever served a day of reflection, suspension, or been dismissed for disciplinary reasons? If so, please explain. (This question is asked on many college applications. Your honest answer to the question is expected.)
15. Feel free to share anything else that has not been asked but that you believe is important for your college counselor to know.

Please email your completed Senior Autobiography to Ms Jackie Morillas at morillasj@sidwell.edu by July 6 at 3pm.