## **Essay Topics for Apply Texas**

There are no 'set' guidelines, but I have received helpful hints from college admissions counselors.

First of all, it would benefit the students to know in advance what the topics are, so they have time to get their thoughts and drafts together. Usually they don't know until they are in the process of filling out the application, and then they feel rushed to write the essays. On the Apply Texas application, there are three topics. Some colleges do not require an essay, but others require up to three. Below are the prompts.

**Topic A:** Write an essay in which you tell us about someone who has made an impact on your life and explain how and why this person is important to you.

**Topic B:** Choose an issue of importance to you – the issue could be personal, school related, local, political, or international in scope – and write an essay in which you explain the significance of that issue to yourself, your family, your community or your generation.

**Topic C:** There may be personal information that you want considered as part of your admissions application. Write an essay describing that information. You might include exceptional hardships, challenges, or opportunities that have shaped or impacted your abilities or academic credentials, personal responsibilities, exceptional achievements or talents, educational goals, or ways in which you might contribute to an institution committed to creating a diverse learning environment.

## Hints from admissions counselors:

**For topic A** -. Although the topic is about how someone else made an impact on the student, the main idea is how they affected the student. They gave us examples of how some students write the entire essay all about the other person and very little is mentioned about the impact that this person has/had on the student.

**For topic B** – Make sure the student follows the guidelines laid out in the prompt. It was suggested by someone from Princeton Review not to write about controversial issues, such as religion, politics, controversial subjects, etc. Regardless of the examples, it is best to avoid something that may offend one of the admissions counselors, or make them defensive about their stance on the same subject. This is *your* essay, and you may write whatever you want, however, this is just a suggestion.

For topic C – It is suggested that if given the option, students should opt TO write this additional essay. This essay can set them apart from the other applicants. This is the essay that shows their character and gives the admissions counselors an insight to who the student really is.

I hope this helps.