

Sample Essay Questions

- Write about something you never did in school but wish you had done.
- Describe your intellectual interests, their evolution, and what makes them exciting to you.
- Write about three objects that give the committee insight into the person you are.
- Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, or risk you have taken and its impact on you.
- Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you and describe that influence.
- Describe a character in fiction or a historical work that has had an influence on you.
- Besides the computer, what technological development has had the greatest impact on human society?
- Look out any window in your home. What would you change about what you see?
- What work of art, music, or literature has surprised, unsettled or challenged you and in what way?
- Can anything be done to stem the current rise in cheating among students of all ages?
- Based on personal experience, tell us what the history, architecture or landscape design of the Pittsburgh region means to you.
- How important is diversity in today's corporate environment and why?
- Describe a situation where you have achieved a goal, despite significant problems or challenges that required your courage, self-reliance, and determination.
- Describe your special skills, aptitudes, or abilities and discuss how you have demonstrated them in your community, academic or personal life.