

Essay Topics for 2008-2009 ApplyTexas Application, Freshman
(Topics A and B have changed; Topic C is the same, but in paragraph form)

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.

Topic D.

The essay in this section is specific to certain college majors and is not required by all colleges/universities that accept the ApplyTexas Application. Please see the “General Application Information” in the front of this booklet. If you are not applying for a major in Architecture, Art, Art History, Design, Studio Art, Visual Art Studies/Art Education, you are not required to write this essay.

Personal interaction with objects, images and spaces can be so powerful as to change the way one thinks about particular issues or topics. For your intended area of study (architecture, art history, design, studio art, visual art studies/art education), describe an experience where instruction in that area or your personal interaction with an object, image or space effected type of change in your thinking. What did you do to act upon your new thinking and what have you done to prepare yourself for further study in this area?