

Common Application (CA) Information Handed out 9/3

This is information you need to know to fill out the Common Application. You have access to all the other answers on the CA.

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The screenshot shows a form with the following fields:

- Counselor's prefix * (Dropdown menu with "Select" option)
- Counselor's first name * (Text input field)
- Counselor's middle initial (Text input field)
- Counselor's last name * (Text input field)
- Counselor's job title * (Text input field)
- Counselor's email * (Text input field)
- Counselor's phone * (Text input field with a dropdown for country code, currently set to "+1", and a sub-field for extension labeled "Ext, If any", currently containing "000-000-0000")

These are the essay choices on the CA. You want to develop a well-written essay well *before* you start to fill out the application. Work with a teacher; work with me to refine your essay. You probably will be required to write another essay that is school-specific, but for the CA, do not worry about that yet. The essay for the CA must be between 250 and 650 words. Make sure it is well-written, because after you submit, you can change it only twice!

- Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later success. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
- Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma—anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
- Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.