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Common App and Naviance 101

Common App Essay Prompts for 2022-2023

1. 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.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Pasting an Essay into the Common App

Because Common App doesn't deal well with special characters like quotations marks, pasting an essay directly from Word can create errors. If you try that, you will likely find the word count on Common App isn't correct and some words or punctuation may be missing. Here is the solution:

1. Open TextEdit (for Mac- search for it in the top right spotlight bar) or Textpad (PC), and paste your essay into it. Issues with special characters will be fixed.
2. Copy and Paste your essay from TextEdit or TextPad into the Common App.
3. The word count should now be correct and match the word count listed on your Word document. Proofread your essay within the Common App to be certain it is perfect.
4. You won't get a green checkmark if your essay is shorter than 250 or longer than 650 words.

Use of the "Additional Information" Section

If you finish your application and discover something important has not been included somewhere in the application, you can use the "Additional Information" section to provide details. Don't repeat information covered elsewhere. If needed, you can add up to 650 words. Paste the essay as explained above.

High School Information

Newark High School
314 Granville St.
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CEEB Code: 363-635
Graduation Date: 5/27/23
Graduating Class Size: 309
Class Ranking System: Exact

School Counselor Information

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Matching Your Common App and Naviance Family Connection Accounts

The following steps are REQUIRED if you are using the Common App. Completing these steps will allow your transcript and recommendations (from teachers at Newark High School who have access to Naviance), to be matched to your Common App.

1. First, go to the Common App: www.commonapp.org

- 1) Log into your Common App account. If you've not created an account, you'll need to do that.
- 2) Under the "Common App" tab, complete the entire "education" section so that it has a green checkmark (this is necessary since the Common App must know the high school you attend)
- 3) Go to "My Colleges." If no colleges are listed, go to "College Search" add at least one college to which you'll be applying.
- 4) Click one of the colleges and then "assign recommenders."
- 5) Click the FERPA Release Authorization, giving permission to send your transcript. Follow the instructions and click these items:
 - I authorize every school that I have attended to release all requested records.
 - I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents. THIS IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
 - I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges.

2. Second, go to Family Connection Naviance <https://connection.naviance.com/newarkoh>

- 1) Login and click the Colleges tab. Then click "Colleges I'm Applying to"
- 2) Click on "Match Accounts"
- 3) Enter the email address used in your Common App account and your birthdate
- 4) Once you've done this correctly and you see the following, you are finished:
 - Common App Account Matching – Complete
 - Your Common App account was successfully matched.
 - FERPA Status: Waived

Don't have a Naviance account? Logging on to Naviance the First Time

- 1) Go to student.naviance.com/newarkoh
- 2) Click on "I'm new and need to register"
- 3) Enter your registration code (retrieve this from the counseling office)
- 4) Enter your email and a password that you will remember
- 5) You should be returned to the login screen where you can enter your new credentials to login