3 Types of Questions

Who are you?
- The school wants to know you better
- How you choose to present yourself
- Reveal your personality, insight, and commitment
- Find one or two things that reveal your best qualities
- Avoid the urge to tell all

Why us?
- Your goals
- Your commitment is to this particular school
- Your decision to apply to this school or particular career path

The “Creative” Question
- This is used by colleges to evaluate you through your choice of some tangential item: a national issue, a famous person, what you would put in a time capsule, a photograph.
- School is looking at your creativity and the breadth of your knowledge and education.
- This is something to react to, a way to show yourself and write about your real views.
- Use common sense.

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ON-LINE RESOURCES

- Big Future by the College Board “8 Tips for Crafting Your College Essay”
  https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays/8-tips-for-crafting-your-best-college-essay
- Writing the College Essay:
  http://www.swarthmore.edu/Documents/admissions/College%20Essay%281%29.pdf
- Bates College. Writing the Essay:
  http://www.bates.edu/admission/tips-for-a-great-application/writing-the-essay/
- NACAC. Writing a College Essay: Top Ten Tips:
  http://www.nacacnet.org/studentinfo/articles/Pages/Writing-a-College-Essay-Top-Ten.aspx
- Peterson’s Application Tips:
- 7 Worst Types of College Entrance Essays:
  http://www.huffingtonpost.com/liz-oneill/the-7-worst-types-of-coll_b_787319.html#s187452&title=The_CringeInducing_Metaphor
- US News 10 Tips for Writing College Application Essay
- Connecticut College Admission: Essays that Worked
  http://www.conncoll.edu/admission/essays-that-worked.htm
- John Hopkins Undergrad Admissions: Essays that Worked
  http://apply.jhu.edu/apply/essays.html

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