

## ApplyTexas Topic A Essay Ideas

There is not a single best topic for this essay prompt (or any other), but I have included some ideas below to help you brainstorm.

- Describe a time that you organized people in support of a local cause.
- Describe how you strengthened a close relationship with one or more family members.
- Identify a significant place in your neighborhood, such as park or tree, and explain why it has been so important in your life.
- Relate your experience as a minority in your school or neighborhood.
- Discuss a time that you went through a cultural or religious rite-of-passage.
- Share your experience moving to a new place and explain how you handled your culture shock.

## ApplyTexas Topic B Essay Ideas

Again, there is more than one approach to this essay prompt, but I have listed some potential topics below:

- Are you known for being really good at something? Are you an expert on a particular topic? How does it impact your identity?
- Discuss how you got involved in an extracurricular activity and what it means to you. What have you learned from participating in this activity?
- Describe something that you have researched extensively. How did you discover your interest in that topic? What have you learned?
- What is your most evident personality trait? How has that trait impacted your life? (You can ask friends and relatives for help with this one)
- Relate the importance of your LGBTQ identity.
- Discuss your religious or cultural background and how it defines you.
- Describe your experience as a member of a minority community.

## ApplyTexas Topic C Essay Ideas

Below, I have listed essay ideas for the two different approaches to this prompt.

### Possibility 1: Your Concrete Goals

- Share your goal to pursue a particular academic field or career and discuss how specific classes and/or extracurricular activities ignited that passion
- Discuss how your plan to pursue politics, project management, or another leadership role was fostered by a leadership experience (It could be a leadership position in a club or at a job, or it could be an unplanned leadership experience like having to take charge of a group).
- Discuss how your desire to teach or train was sparked by prior teaching experience (e.g. serving as a tutor or helping a sibling with a challenging class or learning issue).
- Describe your goal of performing on a stage and discuss how your past experiences of public creativity led you to that goal (e.g. performing in a play, staging an art show, playing in an orchestra, or dancing).