

# Life After High School Assignment

**PURPOSE:** Write an essay (400-650 words) based on the Common Application essay, College or University specific prompt, or on one of the options listed below. This personal essay helps others become acquainted with you as a person and student, apart from courses, grades, test scores, and other objective data. It will also demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself.

## **TOPICS:**

- Use the topics from the Common Application website.
- College or University specific.
- Generic college paper prompts:
  - Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
  - Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
  - Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
  - Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.
  - A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community, or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.
  - Personal philosophy of life statement.

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Typed→Times New Roman, 12 font, black ink, double-spaced.
- Edited→ check for errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc.
- Completely answers all parts of the prompt.
  - Provides a sharp thesis, clear topic sentences, and sufficient details.
- Meets all the specific page and character requirements of the college or university.
  - Attach a copy of the prompt to your essay.
- Final copy has a proper MLA header in the upper left hand corner.

**GRADING:** The finished essay will count as an essay grade (100 points). Since colleges hold tight to specific due dates, this essay will also adhere to a strict due date. Late papers will lose points accordingly.

## Life After High School Research Checklist

**College Board:** <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

Set up account

PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP scores

My Plan

My Colleges

**Naviance:** <https://www.naviance.com/>

Career and College Preparation

**Bucks County Community College:** <http://www.bucks.edu/about/>

**The Common Application:** <http://www.commonapp.org/>

Create an account

Planning

Applying to college

Tips: <https://www.thoughtco.com/common-application-essay-prompts-788383>

### Scholarship Websites:

<https://www.unigo.com/>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

<https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>

<https://www.cappex.com/>

### Career Aptitude Tests

<https://www.123test.com/career-test/>

<https://www.yourfreecareertest.com/>

### Personal Inventory

**High School Activity List/Resume**