Cut these out and glue them each on to a separate index card (on the unlined side).

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| **Common App****Topic 1** | 250-650 words | Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story. |
| **Common App****Topic 2** | 250-650 words | Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn? |
| **Common App****Topic 3** | 250-650 words | Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again? |
| **Common App****Topic 4** | 250-650 words | Describe a place or environment where you are perfectly content. What do you do or experience there, and why is it meaningful to you? |
| **Common App****Topic 5** | 250-650 words | Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family. |
| **UA Assignment** | <500 words | A Personal Statement is our best means of getting to know you and your best means of putting your academic performance and activities in the context of your life. There are no “wrong” answers. When you write your statement, tell us about those aspects of your life that are not evident from your academic record. Because personal statements are brief, they usually focus on one aspect of a student’s life. For example, you could focus on a character-defining moment, a cultural awareness, a challenge faced, family background or cultural heritage, individual talents, academic commitment, or extracurricular activities. Tell us what you would like us to know about you in considering you for admission and/or scholarships. |