

1. Brandeis University

"You are required to spend the next year of your life in either the past or the future. What year would you travel to and why?"

2. Bucknell University

"Pick a movie or novel where the protagonist makes a difficult choice. Do you agree or disagree with the decision he or she made?"

3. Hampshire College

"Create two questions that drive you."

4. Kalamazoo College

"Let's go back to a time when learning was pure joy. Please tell us your favorite childhood book and why."

5. Lehigh University

"What is your favorite riddle and why?"

"Describe your favorite |'Bazinga|' moment."

"You've just reached your one millionth hit on your YouTube video. What is the video about?"

"If your name were an acronym, what would it stand for and how would it reflect your strengths and personality?"

6. Stanford University

"What matters to you, and why?"

7. Texas Christian University

"Take a blank sheet of paper. Do with this page what you wish. Your only limitations are the boundaries of this page. You don't have to submit anything, but we hope you will use your imagination."

8. Tufts University

"Celebrate your nerdy side."

"What makes you happy?"

"What does #YOLO mean to you?"

9. University of Chicago

"Winston Churchill believed 'a joke is a very serious thing.' Tell us your favorite joke and try to explain the joke without ruining it."

"How are apples and oranges supposed to be compared?"

10. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"What do you hope to find over the rainbow?"

11. University of Notre Dame

"By the end of the college application process, you will have probably written dozens of essays and responded to a multitude of questions. Use this opportunity to try something new."

12. University of Virginia

"To tweet or not to tweet?"

"What's your favorite word and why?"

"Describe one of your quirks and why it is part of who you are."

13. Villanova University

"What sets your heart on fire?"

14. Wake Forest University

"Some say social media is superficial, with no room for expressing deep or complex ideas. We challenge you to defy these skeptics by describing yourself as fully and accurately as possible in the 140-character limit of a tweet."

"Give us your top ten list."

15. Yale University

"You have been granted a free weekend next month. How will you spend it?"

"What is something about which you have changed your mind in the last three years?"

