

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA:

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

WORK SHEET

Schools applying to with the UC Application:

Personal Due Date: _____

First Draft Complete ☐

Done ☐

CHOOSE FOUR OF THESE EIGHT PROMPTS:	TOPIC (350 WORDS MAX)
1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.	
2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.	
3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?	
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.	
5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?	
6. Describe your favorite academic subject and explain how it has influenced you.	
7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?	
8. What is the one thing that you think sets you apart from other candidates applying to the University of California?	

APPLY TEXAS APPLICATION:

Texas colleges applying to with the Apply Texas App:

College/University: Personal Due Date: Done ☐

PROMPTS:	YOUR RESPONSE TOPIC
Topic A (Required): What was the environment in which you were raised? Describe your family, home, neighborhood, or community, and explain how it has shaped you as a person.	
Topic B (Required): Most students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. Tell us about yourself.	
Topic C (Optional): You've got a ticket in your hand -- Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?	

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Each Texas college may or may not require essays(s).
It is important to read each Texas college’s list of admissions requirements carefully.
Use the space above to record any essays (with word count max) you will need to write.