

DIRECTIONS:

- **Write a narrative response to one of the following options from the Common App.**
- **You may choose to write to one of the College of Charleston's prompts IF that is one of your top schools.**
- **Your essay should be 600-750 words.**

2017-2018 Common Application Essay Prompts (Columbia, Converse, Furman, Wofford)

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story. [No change]
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience? [Revised]
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome? [Revised]
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution. [No change]
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others. [Revised]
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more? [New]
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design. [New]

College of Charleston: (250-750 words)

Option 1: Choose your own topic. Use an academic writing sample that highlights creativity and innovation, or provide a response to a universal essay topic.

Option 2: The College of Charleston community is a family. We foster a culture of inclusion and celebrate diversity. Explain a situation in which you helped an outsider feel welcome.

Option 3: "To Know Thyself" is what the College of Charleston experience is all about. At the College, you'll receive a powerful education in a modern, complex city. In this ever evolving environment, every opportunity will be available to you. How will you evolve? What will you discover about yourself that you'll inevitably impart and share with the world?