

The “Super Essay” (300 - 500 words)

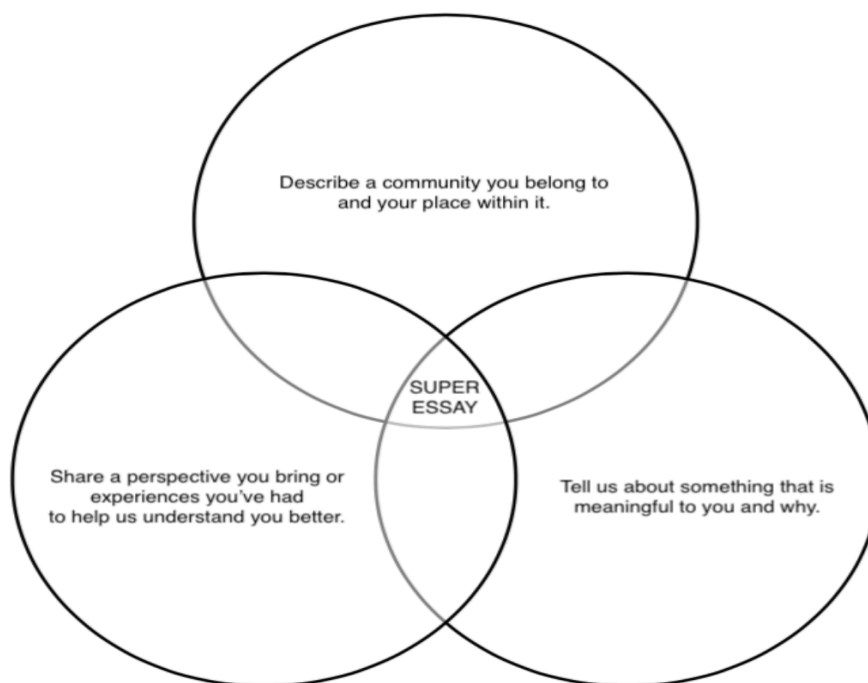
When starting to write all of the supplemental essays for college (each school typically asks for one to two additional essays), you can save significant time and energy by brainstorming the three main types of personal questions that a school will ask. The three main themes are:

- 1) ***Choose one of the communities to which you belong, and describe that community and your place within it.***
- 2) ***Please share a perspective you bring or experiences you've had to help us understand you better.***
- 3) ***Tell us about something that is meaningful to you and why.***

First, spend 20 - 30 minutes brainstorming a few ideas that you might want to write about for each essay.

You will probably realize that there is some overlap between your ideas – this is great! As you consider more overlaps, write them down. If at all possible, the goal is to write one essay that incorporates aspects of each prompt. In doing this, you will create an essay that you can use for many schools and save yourself a lot of time and energy. To better understand what schools require which prompts, you can find the [2022 - 2023 supplemental essays here](#). If you don't see your school on the page, you can [look them up here](#).

[Use this document](#) to make a chart of the schools that you are interested in and which prompts they require. And now, find the overlaps!



To what communities do you belong?

What perspectives or experiences would you bring to a new community?

What are a few meaningful things to you and why?

What essay topics could you choose that would combine all three ideas? Start finding the connections, and then begin writing!