Interest Survey #3
Explanatory Topics

These are topics that you write about in order to share an idea or a particular point of view about something meaningful to you. Often found in scholarship essay prompts, pSAT prompts, and online blogs, prompts like this are designed to give people a chance to use the power of words to explain something about themselves.

Complete the following activities:

1) Write a few words or brief sentences about next to or near each topic.
2) Place a * next to the topics that you have a lot of thoughts about!
3) Feel free to change 1-2 words in any of the topics to turn that topic into something more interesting to you. For instance, change the word “teacher” in the first topic and you could replace it with “vacation” or “uncle” or anything else you like!

Explain why you especially enjoyed a particular teacher one year.

Explain why you admire a certain person.

Explain why someone you know should be seen as a leader.

Explain why you like (or do not like) to work in a team.

Explain why some teens seem to be successful in everything they do, while others are not.

Explain how music affects your life.

Explain why people today smoke cigarettes, even with all the scientific data showing how horrible it is for your health.

Explain why people feel the need to wear makeup.

Explain why you shouldn’t laugh at someone else’s embarrassing moments.

Explain the importance of saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Explain why some schools don't have open lunch policies.

Explain why so many people are materialistic.

Explain why dealing with their parents' divorce can be difficult for many teens.

Explain why teens love their parents even when they’re strict.

Explain three objects that symbolize our culture today.

Explain why you are interested in a certain career.