

Karla's Story: Finding a Unique Perspective

Karla's job was easy. She just needed to buy the list of ingredients and bring them home to her dad by 2:00 PM. Her uncle's birthday party was that night, and it was a tradition for her dad to cook his special chicken dish. The list was short, and it was early in the day, so Karla stopped by her friend's house on the way to the store. The next thing she knew, it was 2:15. Karla rushed to the store to grab the ingredients and made it home by 3:00, relieved she was only a tiny bit late. She proudly handed the ingredients over to her dad, who put them in the fridge instead of on the cutting board. He shook his head and told her that there would no longer be enough time to cook the dish properly.

1. What life lessons could Karla have learned from this experience? List three ideas:

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2. How could Karla apply those lessons to school, extracurricular activities, work or sports? List two examples:

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3. The ApplyTexas and Common Application prompts are listed below. Read them and identify one that would be a good choice for Karla to tell her story.

ApplyTexas Prompts	Common Application Prompts
<p>A. 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.</p> <p>B. Most students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. Tell us about yourself.</p> <p>C. You've got a ticket in your hand – Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?</p>	<p>A. 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.</p> <p>B. The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later success. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?</p>

	<p>C. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?</p> <p>D. 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.</p> <p>E. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.</p>
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4. Explain why you chose the prompt you did and how it will showcase Karla's unique perspective.
