

### Your Story: Make the Ordinary Extraordinary

Brainstorm a few events that can help you tell your story. Anything that allows your perspective to make your essay uniquely you will be an excellent start.

Silly Moments	Learning Moments	Embarrassing Moments	Role Reversals	Basic Skills

1. What takeaways did you get from your experience? List 3-5.

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2. Choose a prompt from the ApplyTexas or Common Application websites that you think might fit your moment. Use the above information to explain how your story made you see things differently, how you learned from it, or how it changed a behavior. Apply that perspective to your approach to school, extracurricular activities, or work.

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Bad College Essays: a link to topics to avoid, with examples of how to improve essay topic, tone, and style:

<http://blog.prepscholar.com/bad-college-essays>