

A2 Achieve Student Discovery Assessment

Finding the Story Behind the Resume

Instructions for Students

This isn't a test.

There are no right or wrong answers.

Many of the best parts of a college application never appear on a transcript. A2 Achieve's goal is to discover the things that make you different from every other applicant.

Take your time. The more thoughtful your answers, the stronger we can make your applications.

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WHO ARE YOU?

What three words describe you best?

Ambitious, loyal, creative

What three words would your best friend use to describe you?

Hilarious, inspiring, incredible

What three words would your parents use?

Lead by example, self motivated, highly intelligent (especially math and science)

What three words would your teachers use?

Hard-working, kind, resourceful

Which description feels most like the real you?

Probably my own description

What makes you different from most people your age?

I strive to understand what I am learning, not just getting through my assignments.

What is something you're unusually good at?

I come up with creative solutions to daily problems and love to make gifts that have moving aspects.

What do people ask you for help with?

Advice, needing someone to listen to them, help for solving problems that involve objects (mainly household objects), help with math homework, study tips

If someone followed you around for a week, what would surprise them?

How I stay composed and relaxed under stress or pressure until I get home.

CURIOSITY

What could you talk about for an hour without preparing?

Possibilities for the future

What rabbit hole have you gone down recently?

Creating gifts for my sister and boyfriend out of cardboard and other materials.

What YouTube channels do you watch?

TedEd, origami/craft videos, Bible related videos

What books have changed your thinking?

David and Goliath, the Bible, Keeper of the Lost Cities

What podcasts do you enjoy?

I don't listen to podcasts, except for one AI podcast I made so I could study as I drove to school

What topics do you constantly research?

Crafts, science (quantum physics, space & time travel, new inventions), house ideas

If you had unlimited money to learn one thing, what would it be?

I would learn how to create different interactive things for everyday life.

PROBLEM SOLVER

Tell us about something that was broken and you fixed it.

When I was around 6 years old, the handle on our storm door broke off, so we had no way to fully close the door. I took an arrow with a suction cup at the end (it was part of a Brave themed bow and arrow), attached it to the door, and pulled it shut.

Tell us about something inefficient that you improved.

Last week my dad was taking thyme leaves off of their stalk, and it was taking him a very long time. I got the metal tip of a cone shaped icing pipe and pulled the stalk through it. The leaves came off and he was able to take the leaves off a lot faster.

Have you ever taught yourself a skill? What was it? How did you learn?

I taught myself how to braid my hair and put it in a ponytail, hand sew, origami, cardboard crafts, how to cartwheel, and how to edit photos. I mainly just experimented with each topic with trial and error to learn it.

Describe a challenge that you overcame that most people would have quit?

I competed in a cheer competition with a broken ankle.

What project are you most proud of?

The gifts I've made for other people.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership isn't about titles.

Tell us about a time people naturally followed you?

People younger than me tend to follow me and mimic what I do/play with me.

Describe a situation where you solved a disagreement.

I solved several disputes between kids I was babysitting for, typically through compromises or taking turns.

Have you ever mentored someone?

No

Have you ever stood up for someone?

Yes, there have been a few times that my friends have been bullied and I stood up for them.

Tell us about a time you noticed something no one else noticed.

Once my friends and I were talking in a circle. My other friend was standing off to the side, so I invited her to talk with us.

CHARACTER

What accomplishment required the most perseverance?

Becoming a cheerleader and continuing to do it.

When have you failed? What happened afterward?

One time I tried out for a play with my mom and sister. Both of them got roles, but I did not. I still went to the play and supported them, and I enjoyed watching it.

What mistake taught you the biggest lesson?

☒ Option 1

Describe a difficult decision you had to make?

When I was trying to get my back handspring, I was struggling with the fear of going backwards. I had to make the decision to jump backwards even though I was scared.

What values are most important to you?

Honesty, integrity, equality, kindness, ambition, perseverance, dependability, creativity, independence, excellence, efficiency, simplicity, economy, entertainment, connection

YOUR IMPACT

Who has influenced your life the most?

Jesus

Who have YOU influenced?

My sister

How have you made your school better?

I have made good grades and a high ACT score, I was a cheerleader for 3 years, and I participate in multiple clubs.

How have you made your community better?

Through NHS and Key Club I did 40+ service hours last year, and I am going to do 40+ more this year.

How have you made your family better?

I have done my best in school, helped with chores, spent time with my sister, and helped my mom through her health struggles.

THE HIDDEN RESUME

What do you do that most people don't realize takes skill? Examples: running church sound, managing livestock, helping grandparents, gaming tournaments, building computers, fantasy sports commissioner, pressure washing, photography, making TikTok's, watching younger siblings, managing a family business, cooking dinner, planning vacations, repairing equipment, driving tractors, creating websites, reselling online, coaching younger athletes. Tell us everything!

I make creative gifts, funny videos, babysit, fix/assemble furniture and household items, do gymnastics and dance, I used to cheer, I love to build with Legos, try random challenges, DIY's, and tricks that I find on social media, I sing, I take care of chickens, I cook and bake, I work at a restaurant/café, I speak a bit of Spanish, and I know how to use CAD and 3D print with it

WORK ETHIC

What's the hardest you've ever worked?

Probably 10th grade when I had to manage cheer (9-18+ hours per week), competition cheer (5-10+ hours per week, plus competition days), an insane school workload, taking care of my mom (who was recovering from back and hip surgery), numerous clubs, church, etc.

When do you lose track of time?

When I'm making gifts, playing with Legos, or drawing

What jobs would you happily do even if nobody paid you?

3D printing, designing and decorating a room, using a software to design a house, creating 3D models using different materials, painting

What jobs would you never want? Why?

- Civil Engineer - strictly following guidelines to create a structure with little to no creativity
- Doctor - I want to pass out whenever I hear anything relating to blood, bones, veins, organs, etc.
- Pharmacist - extremely boring
- Banker - I would hate dealing with money all day and it seems boring
- Electrician - electrical work is very counterintuitive and I burnt out 6 LED lights in one class period while I was practicing with a breadboard
- Veterinarian - too similar to being a doctor and I like animals, but not enough to always be working with them
- Landscape - I don't want to have to work around somebody else's building. It seems boring.
- FBI agent - I would fail so quickly (I am terrible at solving mysteries) and I would hate always being undercover. It's too much pressure.
- Chemist - I barely survived my Chemistry class and I wanted to die the whole time.
- Military - too strict and too much pressure. I hate war and I would become depressed.
- Dentist - I just don't understand people's obsession with teeth to be honest
- Writer - I would be SO bored
- Food Scientist - seems gross and boring

YOUR FUTURE

Imagine you're 35. Describe your perfect Tuesday.

I would wake up, make a latte, exercise, take care of my kids and work on a house project at home, run errands, work on crafts or decorate a room in my house, make dinner, spend time with my family, and go to sleep.

Where do you wake up?

In a medium to large scale house that is functional and beautiful, and that has a small gym, a pool, and several hangout spots.

What kind of work are you doing?

Designing houses

Who are you helping?

Clients who need an architect

What does success look like?

Getting to raise my kids and spend time with my husband who puts in effort while also working a successful job.

If money weren't a factor, what career would you choose?

Architecture

What problems in the world would you love to solve?

I would love to solve the lack of convenience and detail that houses have today.

COLLEGE

Why do you want to go to college?

To learn to become an architect, to make friends, to form connections, to get access to different opportunities, to have fun (as long as I get my work done), and to experience new things

What do you hope college changes about you?

I hope I can learn architecture, deepen my faith, and make lasting friendships

What kind of people do you hope to meet?

People who share the same values as me and will lead me closer to Christ

What scares you most about college?

Getting into the architecture program with a 50% chance, finances, and being away from home for the first time

What excites you most?

Getting to make friends, finally being able to focus on classes that I actually want to take, possibly being an RUF intern, and going to football games with my friends, boyfriend, and family.

RAPID FIRE

Answer with the first thing that comes to mind.

Favorite class

Math

Least favorite class

History

Favorite teacher

Mrs. Hanners

Favorite book

Percy Jackson

Favorite movie

A Wrinkle in Time

Favorite quote

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29-31

Favorite app

Pinterest

Morning or night?

Night

Introvert or extrovert?

Extroverted Introvert

Beach or mountains?

Beach, but it's a hard decision

Lead or support?

Lead

Coffee or energy drink?

Nothing caffeinated.

Papper planner or phone?

Paper planner and phone calendar

JUST FOR FUN

If someone made a movie about your life, what actor would play you?

I don't pay enough attention to celebrities to know 🤔

If you had a TED Talk, what would it be about?

Maybe AI, how to study, or how to be productive?

What's your hidden talent?

My creativity in the projects I do.

What's something you've never told a teacher?

How I'm annoyed at them for the amount of homework they've given me 😞

What is one thing you hope A2 Achieve notices about you that most adults miss?

I am not sure. I hope that A2 will bring new opportunities and information to my attention that I have missed.

If someone could tell a college admissions officer just ONE thing about you, what would you hope they would say?

I am a hard worker.

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