



The Application Authority™

www.TheApplicationAuthority.com

Short Answer Questions

Short answers = short = easy? WRONG! Many top schools have short answer questions (response length: 150-250 words). But short answer questions are deceiving - just because the word count is low doesn't mean the response will be easier to write. Don't fall into this trap!

In fact, it's actually much harder to express yourself in fewer words, and it takes a more skilled writer to do so. So be sure to take your time and draft strong, succinct responses.

Here a few tips to get you started:

1. **Answer the Question** – As with a standard essay, answer the question being asked.
2. **Get to the Point** – Definitely use a unique, genuine tone and style, but don't waste a single word. Use descriptive words, but be sure to get to the point.
3. **Close Strongly** – One of the biggest mistakes applicants make is to just let the short answer responses fall off at the end. Ensure you have enough room to close the response strongly.

Want to Learn More?

Work with us 1:1 and we'll guide you and ensure your essays are fantastic, genuine, and personal! We will always help you address the topic from a unique perspective, maintain the integrity and authenticity of your voice, and ensure the essay is grammatically and structurally perfect.