

SAMPLE ESSAY TOPICS

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Junior:

There are rules at home. Describe the ones you like. Why do you like them? Then describe the ones you don't like. Why you don't like them? If you had your way, how would you change them? Will they work? Why?

Intermediate:

America is a melting pot of cultures. Is it important to maintain an identity relating to one's native country? Why? Some say that maintaining one's own native identity can lead to a polarized society. For example, some don't like America becoming bilingual with Spanish as a second language. Do you agree that promoting one's culture can lead to polarization? Explain your stance in detail. If you were the President of the United States, how would you defend your perspective and convince the public?

Senior:

Consider the statement: "Wealthy politicians cannot offer fair representation to all the people." Describe why you agree or disagree with this statement. If you are the President of the United States, what you would do to achieve the dream of Abraham Lincoln, "democracy is of the people, by the people, for the people?"