

Introduction for the Common Application for Undergraduate College Admission Listening Activity

Which of the prompts could Noe respond to if he were writing his Personal Essay for the Common Application?

- ☐ Some students have a background, identity, interest or talent that is so meaningful that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- ☐ The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later successes. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and did you learn from the experience?
- ☐ Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
- ☐ Describe a problem you have 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.
- ☐ Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.

What evidence or details from Noe's story could be used to respond to one of the above prompts? Summarize below.