### Worksheet: Brainstorming for College Application Essays

#### (1) Personal Experiences Question

Identify:

1. a significant experience:
   - Its impact on you:
     1.

2. an achievement:
   - 2.

3. a risk you have taken:
   - 3.

4. an ethical dilemma you have faced:
   - 4.

#### (2) Issues Question

Identify:

1. a personal issue:
   - Its impact on you:
     1.

2. a local issue:
   - 2.

3. a national issue:
   - 3.

4. an international issue:
   - 4.

#### (3) Influential Person

Identify 3 people who have influenced you:

1. How did this person influence you?
   1.

2. 2.

3. 3.
### (4) Creative/Historical Influence

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<th>Identify:</th>
<th>How it influenced you:</th>
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<td>1. a fictional character:</td>
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<td>2. a historical figure:</td>
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<td>3. a creative work:</td>
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### (5) Personal Contribution/Diversity

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<th>How it shows the importance of diversity:</th>
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<td>3. Life experiences:</td>
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An encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you: