



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### **College Research Project: Part One-Thinking about the Best College**

1. What extracurricular activities do you enjoy most? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Helping people? Learning new skills? What gives you the greatest sense of accomplishment?

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2. What school subjects interest you the most? Least?

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3. How would your teachers describe you? What might they say are your strengths and weaknesses?

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4. Do you enjoy being in new situations with new people, or do you prefer the familiar?

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5. What do you have to offer a college?

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6. What do you think college will do for you?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you like individual attention from your teachers? Counselors? Or do you like to be one of many, seeking out help when you feel you need it?

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8. Do you prefer small groups and getting to know people well? Or do you enjoy being in large throngs of people, and meeting lots of new people?

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9. Do you enjoy familiarity and routine in your environment? Would you prefer an environment where there are always unexpected events and new places to explore?

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10. Would you enjoy the fast pace of a large city, or would you consider it charged with tension and pressure? Would you find the pace of a smaller college town relaxing or boring?

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11. Are you ready to “move out?” Do you want to stay close enough to home for an occasional weekend visit? Do you want to use college as a means to explore an area of the country?

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12. Do you prefer the chance to take long bike rides through the country or to spend afternoons in a city coffeehouse?

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13. Are you a type A personality (needing to be always “on the go” all the time, to be involved in competitive events)? Or do you move at a slower pace?

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14. Do you enjoy independent academic achievement or do you like to work in groups?

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## **College Research Project: Part Two- The Ideal College**

Directions: Choosing one answer for each item will help you begin to narrow your search for colleges to research. **Highlight, Underline, or Place a Check Mark to identify your answers:**

**Be sure to give reasons for your answers.**

1. I would prefer that my college be

In a large city

In a suburban area

In a small town

In a rural area

**because**

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2. I would prefer that my college have an enrollment that is

Small (fewer than 3,000 students)

Medium (3,000–10,000 students)

Large (10,000 or more students)

because

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3. I would prefer that my college be located

Close enough for me to live at home

Close enough for me to visit my family on weekends

Close enough to visit occasionally

Far enough away that I come home only for major holidays and summer vacation

because

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4. I would prefer that my college be

In state

Out of state

because

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5. I would prefer that my college be

Public

Private, non-sectarian

Private, church- or religious-affiliated

because

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6. I would prefer that the student body at my college consist of

A diverse population of students

Many students who are like me

Doesn't matter

because

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