

## Life and Literature

So that you may process your feelings about all of the changes of late, and so that you may use them to further your study of both life and literature, please answer the following questions to the farthest reaches of both truth and capacity.

Is life fair? Why or why not. Please answer this essential question in at least 200 words. Use examples from life and/or literature to back up your claims.

Does it pay to be honest? Why or why not. Please answer this essential question in at least 200 words. Use examples from life and/or literature to back up your claims.

What are the ten most important aspects of life in order of importance? For example: 1) I-pod; 2) Computer; 3) Family; 4) Education; 5) G-d ; 6) Girl Scout Cookies; 7) Cell phone; 8) Girlfriend...

What one college did you apply to but didn't get into (so far), which makes you really sad? Explain.

What college did you apply to that you didn't really want to go to anyway? Why did you apply, and why don't you want to go?

How did it feel to learn that someone you know got accepted to a school that you believe they didn't deserve to get into? Describe the whole thing in as much detail as makes you arrive at a positive epiphany.

What are three reasons that it will benefit society that he or she got accepted to that school despite their having "not deserved it"?

What schools did you get accepted to so far?

Choose one school that you got accepted to, and describe why you chose it and also how a typical day there might be. *How might it enrich your life?*

What character in literature didn't get what he or she initially wanted but then ended up better off?

What character in literature didn't get what he or she initially wanted and then ended up worse off?

Where did your parents go to college? How has that choice affected them?

Are they proud of you? Why or why not?

What is your ultimate career goal and why?

Describe in great detail a character in literature that focused his or her life on the service of others.

If you were to write a memoir of your life in fifty years, after a long and successful career, what might it include? Write either a three-paragraph *excerpt* or the publisher's description (book jacket).

Know that no matter how hard things are right now, during this year, and how much you are forced by circumstance to internalize some hard life lessons, there are many people who care about you and who are proud of all that you have accomplished. I am one of them.

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