



Developing the next generation of Indonesian leaders



Essay Topics & Guideline

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Please choose one of these topics to write your essay (max 500 words in English)



TOPIC 1

- Describe a problem that you have solved. It can be: **an intellectual challenge** or **a research query** or **an ethical dilemma**; anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale.
- Explain its **significance** to you and **what steps you took** to identify a solution.



TOPIC 2

- Describe a recent, meaningful and impactful situation when you were **leading teams**.
- What were the **challenges** that you face?
- What were the **difficult decisions** that you have to make and what were the **consequences**?
- What were the **lessons learned**? How did it help you to **grow** as a leader?



TOPIC 3

- YLI is about learning to be **effective leaders**, leaders who are focus on identifying and addressing issues and driving change.
- What are the **social/national issues** that are close to heart?
- Have you been involved in **driving change** in your community? What did you do?
- What are the **impacts** that you have created?

Here are the checklist for your essay. Run through this **BEFORE** submitting your essay



- Introduction**
- Use two to three sentences to introduce your personal narrative topic.
 - Be sure to include personal details in your first paragraph.
 - Make sure your supporting details completely relate to your personal narrative.
 - Did you state your personal narrative topic very clearly?
 - Is your reader engaged and interested from the very first sentence?
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- Body**
- You should have 3-5 paragraphs for your personal narrative. Each paragraph should be for each one of your supporting details.
 - Did you include all of your supporting details? Did you back up your details with facts?
 - Make sure your paragraphs are clearly structured and easy to understand.
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- Conclusion**
- Have you included the original topic of your personal narrative in the conclusion paragraph?
 - Does your personal narrative leave the reader satisfied?
 - Be sure to include a short summary of the previous paragraphs.
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- Overall**
- Have you made the personal narrative about yourself?
 - Do the paragraphs relate to the main theme of your personal narrative?
 - Is the narrative written in first person (using the word "I")?