"How to Write Your Grad School Personal Statement" by Jessica Tomer

Essay requirements -750

words. Common graduate application essay prompts include the following:

Describe a situation where you overcame adversity, exhibited leadership, learned from failure, or experienced an ethical dilemma

Why do you need this degree at this juncture in your life?

What are your short- and long- term career goals?

What are you most proud of?

And the big one: Why this school?

Regardless of the prompt you choose, the graduate admission committee should walk away from your application essay knowing these three things:

1. What you want to study in grad school

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