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## STORY DISCOVERY QUESTIONNAIRE

Use this questionnaire to help your student uncover real, meaningful stories for their college and scholarship essays. The goal isn't perfection - it's honesty, reflection, and voice.

### 1. What's something you've taught someone else to do?

*Examples: Teaching a younger student how to play a song; showing a sibling how to budget; helping a friend with a science concept.*

### 2. What do people often come to you for?

*Examples: Advice, help staying calm, organization, troubleshooting, someone to listen.*

### 3. What's a moment or event that changed how you see the world?

*Examples: Volunteering at a shelter, experiencing loss, watching someone overcome adversity, meeting someone with a very different background.*

### 4. What challenge have you faced that required growth or resilience?

*Examples: Moving to a new school, family struggles, injury, mental health challenge, academic setback.*

### 5. What's a time you felt proud of your impact - even if no one else saw it?

*Examples: Picking up the slack for a group project, helping a struggling teammate, staying committed when others gave*

up.

**6. What's something you love learning about - even when no one makes you?**

*Examples: Space, ecosystems, social justice, music theory, how computers work, leadership books.*

**7. What frustrates you about the world - and what would you change if you could?**

*Examples: Inequality, access to healthcare, lack of kindness, food insecurity, the way people treat animals or the planet.*

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