PERSONAL STATEMENT IDEA STARTERS

- Below is a list of questions to get you started thinking about what you might want to write about. This list is by no means supposed to be exhaustive, so please do not feel constrained by this list.
  o What is your gender?
  o What is your ethnic background?
  o What is your nationality?
  o Where were you born?
  o Where did you live the majority of the time when you were growing up?
  o What is your current marital status?
  o If you are married, what does your spouse do?
  o Do you have any children?
  o What is your current age?
  o What is your religious preference?
  o To what extent do you consider yourself to be a spiritual person?
  o When it comes to politics, how do you usually think of yourself?
  o Where did you attend high school?
  o At what age did you first seriously think about attending law school?
  o What has your work experience entailed?
  o Are you financially responsible for people other than yourself?
  o What volunteer work have you engaged in?
  o Have you engaged in any military service?
  o What was your family situation before you reached age 18?
  o What is the highest level of education your father completed?
  o What was your father’s occupation?
  o What is the highest level of education your mother completed?
  o What was your mother’s occupation?
  o What was your grandparents’ highest level of education completed?
  o What were your grandparents’ occupations?
  o When you were growing up, was a language other than English spoken in your household?
  o Thinking about when you were growing up, compared with American families in general, what was your family income?
  o While growing up, how often were there problems with muggings, burglaries, assaults, or anything else in your neighborhood?
  o While growing up, was there a strong sense of community in your neighborhood?
  o How many siblings do you have?
  o What do your siblings do?
  o How close are you to your family?
  o Have you ever experienced a serious medical condition?
  o Has anyone in your family ever experienced a serious medical condition?
  o Have any of your immediate family or close friends passed away?
  o What kind of travel have you experienced either nationally or internationally?
  o Have you ever lived in a foreign culture?
  o Do you speak any foreign languages?
  o What are your hobbies?
  o Do you collect anything?
  o What do you do with your spare time?
  o What kind of music do you like to listen to?
  o How often do you read and what kind of books do you like to read?
  o What is your favorite movie or television show?
  o What sports or athletic events do you actively participate in?
  o If a close friend or family member had to describe you in three words what would they say?
  o What was the most frightening event in your life?
  o What was the most embarrassing event in your life?
  o What was the most humbling event in your life?
  o What has been the most difficult experience of your life?
  o What three people have influenced you most in your life?
  o What is your greatest weakness?
  o What is your greatest strength?
  o What has been your greatest accomplishment?
  o What is your greatest regret?
  o If you had $1,000,000 what would you do with it?
  o What is it about law school or being a lawyer that most attracts you?
  o What is it about law school or being a lawyer that most detracts you?
  o Do you personally know any lawyers; if yes, what do you think about them?
  o What experiences have you had with the law directly affecting your life?