

Steve Jobs Stanford Commencement Writing Prompt

Directions: After listening to the video of Steve Jobs commencement address at Stanford University, compose a response to the following questions or statements:

1. Summarize the 3 stories told by the speaker.
2. How did the speaker use the stories to give advice for you to use as a student?
3. How do your personal beliefs influence the way you live your life and the decisions you make?
4. What goals do you have for the rest of your academic experience? (middle school, high school, technical school, college, etc.)
5. What do you want to do with the rest of your life? (career, family, travel, etc.)

You should write in complete sentences and use proper grammar. DO NOT answer in a numbered list, but write in paragraph form. Use the RACE strategy below as a guide for your writing:

R – Restate the Question

Restate or reword the question and turn it into a statement.

A – Answer the Question

What is being asked?

Answer all parts of the question.

C – Cite the Source

Tell where you found examples and details in the text.

In paragraph 2... The text states... The author says...

E – Explain your Response.

Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

Add your thoughts. For example... This shows... This means... I believe...