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Pre-Arrival Reflection

Reflection is an important part of self-directed learning. Taking a step back and evaluating where we are allows us to better understand our goals and make plans to achieve them. Before you come to UnCollege we want you to spend some time reflecting on where you are, and where you want to be, as well as thinking about our educational values and how they relate to your life. Please take some time to consider the following questions, and write answers that are true to you.

Personal Narrative

Write a brief reflection on where you came from, where you are in your life, and where you'd like to go. Consider the following questions: What has brought you to this point in your life? Where do you want to go next? Where do you want to be in five years? What do you need to get there? What are the biggest barriers to having the skills, experience you need to get where you want to go? How will you overcome those barriers?

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Personal Growth

Spend some time thinking about how you would like to grow over the course of your Gap Year. Where would you like to be when the year is done? What do you want to be able to do? What do you want to have done?

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Embodying UnCollege Values

An organization is an entirely human institution, and it can only be the sum of its parts. Each individual must understand the values of the organization, and the values are inherently what the team members and leaders value in one another. Reflect on the importance of the UnCollege values in your life.

Curiosity	We believe that all humans are born with a love of learning. Curiosity is the urge that drives us to learn to walk and talk as toddlers, and continues to drive us to learn new skills and subjects throughout our lives. At UnCollege we place curiosity at the forefront of the learning process. We believe that all learning should begin with the spark of curiosity that creates genuine interest, and we hold learners to a high standard to rigorously pursue their curiosity, and become experts in skill and subject matter.
	Please write a personal reflection on the importance curiosity in your life.

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Hard Work	We understand that intelligence, and talent are not fixed traits that people are born with, but are achievable results that come with weeks, months, and years of hard work and practice. We champion effort, dedication, and discipline; and we understanding that in achieving our goals there is no shortcut for hard work.
	Please write a personal reflection on the importance of hard work in your life.

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Creation	Creation is both a relative and absolute term. While we can busy ourselves all day with activity, ultimately we can only be worth what we have contributed to one another and the world at large.
	Please write a personal reflection on the importance of creation in your life.

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Self-Advocacy	As a self-directed learner you must be able to show what you've created to the world. Your work is your diploma, and nothing speaks louder for your abilities than the work that you have created.
	Please write a personal reflection on the importance of self-advocacy in your life.

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