

# The College Search Webquest

## Where to look for information:

- Collegeboard.com for the basic information—the information here is better organized into one place
- Use PrincetonReview.com for surveys about your school and other information.
  - Log on with the following information
    - Username: [Mwheaton@mrwheaton.com](mailto:Mwheaton@mrwheaton.com)
    - Password: webquest
- Use your college's website for the more specific information. Hint: look for the Student Handbook online through your college's website to find info about Student Regulations.

Each student **must** make a presentation to the rest of the class. It is your choice what medium to make this presentation in—you can use technology (such as PowerPoint) or a poster.

The Project:

1. Research 2 colleges that you are interested in
2. Present the following information:

### **Find the following information from the school website**

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- Location of the school (city, state)
- Is it in a country or city setting?
- What is the Student to Teacher Ratio?
- How many people attend the college? (Undergraduate and Graduate)

### **Money situation**

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- Tuition, Room and Board
- You should record the information for in-state and out-of-state residents (especially in California, these prices will be drastically different.)

#### **Financial Aid**

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- What types of financial aid do they list on your college site.
- What types of loans are available?
- What is the endowment for your college? (How much money is available for financial assistance)
- Are there any student work programs that will help you pay tuition?
- What is the % Need Met in the financial aid section?

## **Important regulations for incoming freshman—find these in the student handbook**

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- Are there any limits on freshman—for example, some colleges tend to make freshmen stay on campus for their first year; some colleges won't let freshmen have their cars on campus for their first year.
- Is your campus wet or dry?—a dry campus refers to the fact that a campus allows absolutely no alcohol.
- Is the school a party school? (You can find this on PrincetonReview.com)

## **Admittance information**

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- What is the average SAT score for admittance?
- What is the college essay topic for the application?

## **Stuff you should know**

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- What are the start and end dates for the fall semester?
- Available Majors
  - You don't need an exhausted list of these—just record the ones that you would be interested in pursuing.
- You should also record the Basic Courses that you will be required to take (these will be available in the Course Catalog online).

## **Academic Information**

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- What kind of technology is available? What about the computer labs? How many labs are there?

## **Travel information**

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- What is the distance from the campus to your home?
- Estimate how much money you will have to spend going back and forth for a holiday.
- What kind of attractions are around the campus?

## **The project**

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- Get pictures of the campus.
- Make a budget—tuition/room/board/ spending money/books—how much money will you need?
- Prepare a 5-10 minute presentation on 2-3 colleges that you are interested in applying to
- Make a chart of the information you've found concerning the top 2-3 colleges of your choice.