1. Why do you think wealthy parents went to such extremes to get their child into an elite college?

2. What is at stake in college admissions?

3. Why did the college admission scandal that was first reported in March 2019 get such a strong reaction from op-ed writers and perhaps from the public in general?

4. What type of advantages did the students involved in the college admission scandal already have (even if their parents had not cheated the system)?

5. What factors do you think should be considered in college admissions that are merit based?

6. How are public (elementary, middle and high) schools funded?

7. Should colleges consider any factors that are not directly linked to the merit of the applicant? If so, what factors?
8. Why might colleges want to use race as one factor among many in admissions decisions?

9. Why do you think the top 10% rule (in Texas) was controversial?

10. If you are the son or daughter of someone who went to the college you are applying to it significantly increases your chances of getting accepted at some universities (legacy admissions). Should this practice be legal?

11. Given all the “merit” based factors that go into college admissions and all the non-merit based ones ... 
   Given the amount of inequality in society that affects your quality of education in elementary and high school ... 
   Given that we want to have college admission policies that are as fair as possible ...

   **What would a just admissions policy look like?**