

Class Report Writing Prompts

If you could relive one day—and only one day—of your four years at Harvard, which would it be?

John Lithgow said in his Commencement speech that for nearly twenty years after graduation, he virtually kept his Harvard degree a secret, adding, "Somehow it never seemed to come in all that handy when I was auditioning for a soap opera or a potato chip commercial." Have you found this to be true? Have you ever kept your Harvard ties a secret?

Who believes they have traveled the most unconventional post-Harvard career or life path to date?

Who thinks they have traveled to the most foreign countries since graduation? What was the most obscure place you've traveled to since graduation?

Who thinks they currently live in the most rural or remote area of anyone in the Class? Describe it in as much detail as you can.

Who thinks they should be crowned the Class's most Liberal member? Most Conservative?

If your life were a current reality TV show, which one would it be and why?

If you were able to choose one superpower, which one would it be and why?

Forget about the past five years. Think tabloid rumors and excessive daydreams instead. What are your wildest predictions for the course of your life over the next five years? What are your wildest predictions for what will happen to your favorite sports teams? Celebrities? The US? The rest of the world?

What would you say was the most important thing that no one ever taught you at Harvard?

Pick ten classmates—preferably classmates you haven't spoken to in quite some time—and address each one of them in your narrative with one line each.

Would you consider yourself more optimistic or more pessimistic than you were five years ago? Tell us about why.

Name three objects from your day-to-day existence that you'd take to a desert island with you. Why do you love them so much? What do you think they say about you?

What is your most current obsession? Is there a person, place, thing, idea, etc., that you just can't live without? Tell us about it.

What is your Achilles' Heel? Is it the same as when you left Harvard five years ago? Have you made peace with it? Do you want to?

Write an open letter to someone, alive or dead, whom you really want to talk to, reconnect with, make amends with, give a piece of your mind, etc.

If you had the chance to go back to the beginning and do your four undergrad years at Harvard all over again, would you? Why or why not?