They say you can tell something about people by their choice of reading material. And here you are perusing the Brown College app. Got a couple minutes? Up for some introspection?

DESCRIPT YOUR SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY...

You’re likely the kind of person who wants more out of a living arrangement than a place to sleep. Not that Brown doesn’t sleep – but it’s not exactly what we’re known for.

YOU DISCOVER YOU HAVE A MILLION DOLLARS...

You probably think that home should be as stimulating as it is comfortable – a place as socially and academically engaging as the world outside. We definitely hear you there. But creating that community isn’t easy.

HOW DID THAT EXPERIENCE CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES...

Fortunately, it just so happens that we’ve already got some old buildings between Newcomb and Clark set aside for that very purpose. And if you’re up to it, we’d love to set you up there and see what you can do.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE WHAT ONE ITEM WOULD YOU...

Of course, we wouldn’t expect you to forge your ideal community alone. Helpful people and resources are already in place – because we’ve been reinventing and reexperiencing that ideal for seventeen years.

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN TEN YEARS...

Interested in joining us? Excited about living among students who learn, play, eat, banter, plan, and unwind as a community? Based on your choice of reading material, here’s an educated guess: Yes.

HOW DOES YOUR CHOSEN FIELD OF STUDY FOLLOW FROM...

So to satisfy that interest, here’s a preview of life in Brown:

It sets the table. Residents share informal meals every day, and the camaraderie established there carries into every part of life.

It breaks routine. Residents create their own opportunities; from lectures to sports, an out-of-the-ordinary activity occurs nearly every day.

It piques curiosity. Residents can explore academic back-alleyways through Brown’s special informal and cooperative courses.

It opens doors. Brown fosters a relaxed and receptive environment among its students, faculty fellows, friends, and alumni.

What are we missing? That’s up to you, more or less. You can bind your community together in as many ways as your imagination finds.

AND WHY HAS THAT BOOK INSPIRED AND INTRIGUED YOU?

Creative, interested, accepting, open-minded, social, eclectic, active: Brown is the product of its residents. Would you and Brown enliven each other? Then give it a shot. Open this application and turn your reading material into ours.

COMPOSE A BATTLE RAP VENTING YOUR OUTRAGE AT COLLEGE APPS THAT EXPECT YOU TO EXPRESS YOURSELF THROUGH STUPID, OVERUSED ESSAY QUESTIONS. GO!
instructions

Please do not use your name, picture, or other identifying material in your essays. If you enclose any attachments with your app, make sure to label them with your SSN / student ID – but note that we cannot return any part of your app to you.

You can submit your application by mail or online. Please do not fax.

mail:  U.Va. Housing: Residential College Program
       BROWN COLLEGE at MONROE HILL
       Page – Emmet House Station #1
       Charlottesville, VA 22904

online:  http://www.virginia.edu/browncollege/membership/

You must send your app by the appropriate deadline:

   current UVa students:  5 January 2004
   students entering UVa:  31 May 2004

Incoming first-years: please mark Brown College as your first choice on your “Housing Application and Agreement” form; otherwise you may be assigned elsewhere even if you are accepted to Brown.

keep in mind

New residents often tell us that the application itself attracts more people to Brown than anything else. And why not – it’s fun. Seeing what you’re like when you’re enjoying yourself is one of the app’s most important functions. Of course, our readers want to enjoy the process too, so keep the following in mind:

Legibility is crucial – if we can’t read or understand your app, you’ve lost your audience, and we’ve lost you. Remember the human attention span: brevity is life (but cop-outs are death). App readers value sincerity and effort; they are cold to flattery and resumés. They often appreciate interesting, amusing, vital, provocative, or thematically-unified applications.

Remember above all that the app readers are human. Think about what you’d like to read – then think about reading two dozen other apps. Make yours stand out.
**personal info**

The following info will be used solely for administrative purposes.

- **name:** ________________________________
- **gender:** F  M
- **current status:** entering first-year
  entering transfer
  current UVa student: 1  2  3  other
- **SSN / student ID:** ________________________________
- **stable email:** ________________________________
- **notification address:** ________________________________
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- **permanent address:** ________________________________
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  ________________________________
- **phone number:** ________________________________

**what you’re getting into**

Brown is looking for community-builders; you should apply only if you have the time, interest, and dedication to get involved. There is so much here to experience; it would be a shame to miss out. Brown is like a three-credit course on candy-tasting. So – if you can deal with the fatigue of a sugar rush, pack your toothbrush and come to the Hill.

**what happens next**

You can find detailed information on the selections process at Brown’s website:


Stay tuned: in January, Brown may ask you to participate in a pilot interview program. Selections results will be posted on the website at the following times:

- current UVa students: 1 February 2004
- students entering UVa: 21 June 2004
respond to one question from each of these sets:

question 1
a. We already know you did it. But we’ll let you off easier if you tell us how it went down.
b. Imagine your ideal class. Excerpt the syllabus here.

question 2
a. They told you to wait, but you left anyway. Why?
b. Why did you hesitate? What was the outcome?
question 3
a. Mythologize one of your defining moments.
b. Free fall, terminated by pavement. Your last, nuanced thought:

hiaus
This space is your own. Use it as you wish.

question 4
a. Make things harder on yourself in fifty words or fewer.
b. What question would you put on a Brown application?
c. What do we absolutely need to know about you? One sentence max.
respond to one question from each of these sets: 

question 5
a. Residential colleges are far from perfect. What problems do you foresee? Any solutions?
b. It seems an odd question, but we’re serious: How do you feel about doors?

question 6
a. Psychologists have named a complex after you. Describe the symptoms.
b. What’s your secret joy?