



# Tri-County International Academy

## Admissions Essay

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### **Instructions:**

Choose one of the topics below and write an essay of at least 250-350 words in response to the issue raised. Essays are to be typed. All work is to be completed by the student.

***Please be sure to note your selected topic, your name, and your address on each page.***

### **Choose one from the following topics:**

1. One of the most important traits for successful IB students is not only the ability to read well, but to value reading as a means for self-discovery. Keeping this in mind, what written work (novel, play, short story, poem, or essay) has been most critical to your growth as an individual? Explain how this work has influenced your understanding of yourself and your world.
2. "There can be no knowledge without emotion....until we have felt the force of the knowledge, it is not ours" (adapted from Arnold Bennett). Discuss this vision of the relationship between knowledge and emotion.
3. Knowledge is built of facts the way a house is built of bricks: but an accumulation of facts is no more knowledge than a pile of bricks is a house" (Henri Poincaré). Discuss to what extent you agree or disagree with this statement.

*(Items 2-3 adapted from Theory of Knowledge Prescribed Topics, November 2008/May 2009)*

**Submit your Admissions Essay with your admissions application.**