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Your First Impression Style: **Engaging/Eager**

You easily engage in conversation as you are naturally inquisitive and seek knowledge. In addition, you also enjoy challenges, so it's important to look for roles that will expand your skills and push your limits. People really enjoy your company and could talk to you for hours because you are genuinely interested in them.

When writing your college applications...

Suggestions to make the best impression:

- 1. Writing an essay is something you find comfortable doing. You are engaged and inquisitive to writes something inspirational. The two things you need to consider when writing:
 - a. Do not write as you speak, keep your thoughts concise and to the point.
 - b. You enjoy challenges and will take a risk in writing about something you are not comfortable about; however do your homework ensure you can provide insight schools are looking for.

Example:

If an essay asks you who you admire, what book you love or why you want to attend the school, your desire will be to choose a topic that is outside your comfort area to challenge yourself. Keep in mind that this is not an essay contest; schools are seeking a personal perspective. Writing about who you admire can be as simple as your parent rather than a current or past president.

When meeting your new roommate...

When you are introduced

- 1. You naturally engage in conversation as you are outgoing and inquisitive. However, you may need to back off somewhat on drilling your new roommate with multiple questions. Ensure the communication is a two-way street allowing your roommate to ask questions as well.
- 2. Be sure not only to ask questions but rather allow your roommate to answer and listen sincerely. In addition, make sure to encourage your roommate to ask you questions and provide complete answers instead of jumping immediately back into question mode.

To maintain a good relationship:

- 1. As Will advises below, be wary to not constantly engage in conversation. This is particularly important if your roommate isn't as outgoing, and needs some downtime to simply chill. Look for those social queues before jumping straight into a conversation or simply ask if s/he is in the mood to talk.
- 2. It might also be worthwhile to discuss with your roommate the need for certain boundaries between the two of you like identifying situations where one of you needs some quiet time. This is a good strategy regardless of each of your styles. Odds are you are more likely to unintentionally violate these boundaries so be open to feedback.

When attending a job interview..

When you are asked if you have any questions:

- 1. Let your natural curiosity and engaging personality shine through.
- 2. At the same time, you may need to tone down your eagerness slightly to avoid appearing desperate.

Suggestions to make the best impression:

- 1. Ask specific questions regarding the role, team, and culture--quality over quantity.
- 2. Fully understand the role to ensure it allows for a challenge.