AU Honors Round #2 Application Questions

1. What makes you distinctive and why? (500 words)

2. Select one essay from the following three options:
   a. In the Harry Potter stories, the sorting hat divides students into four “houses.” Each house has its own characteristics that can roughly be translated as bravery, intelligence, ambition, and duty. If you were to create a sorting hat, upon which characteristics would you base the sort? In which “house” would you put yourself? (300 words)
   b. Tell us about an image that powerfully affected you. It may come from any source, real or imagined. (300 words)
   c. There are thousands of apps or games out there. What app or game would you create and why? (300 words)

3. Select one essay from the following two options:
   a. When do you break the rules? (300 words)
   b. A peer who opposes one of your most strongly held values has just challenged you. What did the person say? How do you respond? (300 words)

4. Because there are only 45 spots in AU Honors, many fine students who apply may be invited instead to join either the AU Scholars, which focuses on interdisciplinary research, or the Community-Based Research Scholars, in which students collaborate on research projects with local community organizations. Other students elect to enter the University College, which emphasizes experiential learning using the city to extend the classroom. After reviewing the program websites, describe which program is most attractive to you and why. (150 words)