

Using Your Strengths to Achieve Success: Context

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Applying to Academics

General Academic Life

- Associate with individuals and groups that specialize in the study of specific events, personalities, and periods in history.
- Create a historical frame of reference for whatever you study. Research political, natural, military, and religious events of that period. Delve into the lives of contemporary leaders, scientists, artists, explorers, and philosophers.
- Supplement required reading for classes by locating other credible sources of information. Don't let your thinking be limited to the professor's syllabus.

Study Techniques

- Hypothesize your own theories for specific historical events. Rely on public records, surveys, correspondence, and legislation, to develop a study brief.
- Consider your own history of test taking. Identify your best performances. Spot patterns. Prepare for today's examinations by replicating study techniques that have worked for you in the past.

Relationships

- Help people understand that knowing about their past experiences--personal and academic--will help you feel comfortable working with them on projects and in study groups.
- Decipher your methods for building a historical basis for your relationships with specific family members, friends, teammates, classmates, instructors, and coworkers.

Extracurricular Activities

- Serve as the historian of your fraternity, sorority, honor society, or campus organizations.

Applying to Major/Career Path

- Interview archeologists, historians, museum curators, humanities professors, or antique appraisers about their talents and what they love about their work.

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Apply to Job Search

In the Job Search

- Your context helps you be inspired through research of organizations/companies. You tend to create a very comprehensive resume (having looked at many examples). You make sure to understand “What helps a successful job search?” and then replicate those best practices.
 - Search for careers that involve investigating information or exploring previous practices, environments, or societies. Consider careers where you work with history, preserving past traditions, or doing research to build on what has been done.
 - Tips: Reflect on your career path and ask yourself if this is a good fit. You may want to go back to old networking contacts to get information to help in your job search.
- Tips: Try not to dwell on unsuccessful experiences that get in the way of future success.

Apply to Careers

In the New Position

- Your context will allow you to quickly understand the history and culture of your new organization. You will ask lots of questions, so find a mentor willing to talk about how things have run from past to present.
- Remember to use your knowledge of the past to understand how you fit in the future of the company.

In the Interview

- You can highlight your ability to relate to the present and learn from it. You thoroughly gather information before jumping into a new project.
- In the job interviews you are good at answering behavioral questions about the lessons you learned from past experiences. You ask many questions about the company and put together the big picture of their mission and history.