

Part I – Opening: I’m a [class year] at Yale studying [major] with a particular interest in [X industry]

Part II – Motivational Story: Tell a *short story* about *why* you first became interested in this area of work. Begin with a phrase like, “I first became interested in this industry when...” Remember that a story includes a protagonist who faces a challenge/new situation and makes a choice that results in an outcome.

Part III – Relevant Academic Work: *What* classes or academic projects did you do while at Yale that helped you build your knowledge and skills for this industry? Mention your senior thesis if it’s related.

Part IV – Supporting Experiences: What two *supporting experiences* have helped you further develop your skills that would be useful for this job? Consider items such as internships, research experiences, student leadership positions, sports team participation, working for the Yale Daily News, and other student employment.

Part V – Closing: Taken together, write one sentence that conveys how your story, academic background, and supporting experiences would make you a *good fit for a job* with a particular company OR something about that company that is particularly *exciting to you* along with a *series of questions* that you might ask an employer.

Part I – Opening: I’m a [x year] at Yale studying [research topic] with a particular interest in [X industry]

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Part III – Research Purpose: *What is your current research* and what would you say are the larger implications of your research? In other words, if your research goes as planned, what could change in the world because of it?

Part IV – Supporting Experiences: What two *supporting experiences* have helped you further develop your research knowledgebase and/or have built your skills that would be useful for this job? (e.g. What did you study as an undergrad? Do you have other research/industry experience? What about leadership roles?)

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Part III – Transferable Research Skills: *What transferrable skills* have you gained from your research that makes you a good candidate for a position at this organization? Examples could be project management, supervision, attention to detail, problem-solving, or communication/presentation skills.

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