## Suggested Essay Strategy

Identify an essay prompt from one of the three essay categories: Timuel Black - The Person; Timuel Black - The Principles; or Timuel Black - The Project.

In writing, utilize one (or more) of the essential (guiding) questions to establish a context for your response to the selected prompt.

## Essay Prompts

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<td>An essay addressing this prompt should discuss one (or more) of Black’s passions and personal interests.</td>
<td>An essay addressing this prompt presents one (or more) of Black’s principles from the student’s point-of-view.</td>
<td>An essay addressing this prompt should discuss a project, in which the student has a participatory role and/or which directly impacts the student’s life/community. The essay can propose a community based project, discuss an ongoing/current community-based project, or discuss a project that is considered iconic within a community’s history/legacy.</td>
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### Timuel Black: The Person
- Civic/Community Engagement
- Music
- DuSable High School (Legacy)
- Social Justice
- Civil Rights

### Timuel Black: The Principles
- Together, people really can do the “impossible,” maybe even the “miraculous.” “The impossible—we do that immediately; the miraculous may take a little longer.”
- Hopes and dreams keep us alive.
- Know your heritage and share it.
- You don’t have to be perfect to be historic
- Freedom is a constant struggle. Understanding the power of perseverance.
- Do not allow yourself to be bought; do not sell out to the forces of power and domination. Always be true to yourself.

### Types of Project Proposals (examples)
- Economic Development
- Community Engagement
- Educational
- Community History
  - Oral history
  - Archiving/Artifacts

## Essential (Guiding) Questions

- What can we learn from Timuel Black’s legacy and work as an educator?
- How did learning about Timuel Black’s life challenge or affirm your knowledge of what’s important to advocate for?
- How will following your passion/interest have a positive impact on your community/Chicago as a city?
- What principles are most worth advocating for and why?
- What should education do for Chicago youth?
- In what ways should people participate to make their communities better? (expressed through an essay on a project proposal)
- In what ways should people participate to make their communities better? (expressed through a principals essay versus project proposal essay)
- How did Timuel Black’s quest for social justice shape our communities in Chicago? (expressed through an essay on a project proposal)
- Using Tim Black as an example, how can I shape my community? (through a project proposal essay)