

2009/2010 BOSTON UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION ESSAY



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Boston University Trustee Scholars are encouraged to develop well-informed and well-reasoned views of important political, social, and artistic issues. We select students who have a sense of how to present persuasive arguments in support of their views. With that in mind, please respond to one of the statements below in an essay of no more than 600 words.

1. "All nations make decisions based on self-interest and then defend them in the name of morality" (William Sloane Coffin, Credo). Defend or refute this statement with specific examples from the past and the present.
2. High school students in the US have, on average, one of the shortest school years (180 days per year), shortest school days (6.5 hours per day), and least amount of daily homework (1 hour a day) of students in any developed country. Discuss the impact of this dearth of formal academic education on the future international competitiveness of the US workforce.
3. The current economic crisis traces to a surfeit of mortgages that were sold to people who could not afford them. Some people blame the situation on consumers who failed to evaluate what they were buying; others say the industry defrauded consumers through unclear contracts and promotion. What do you think?

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