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- Names
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• Use stories to answer questions whenever possible
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• Almost all questions are opportunities to sell yourself. Think in advance WHAT message you want to convey. (I want to get into medical school is not a message).
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- Off the wall?
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