

Bard High School Early College Assessment 2023-2024

Part 1

Humanities Writing

Please read the passage linked below and write a single essay that is 250-500 words and addresses the following prompt:

1. Explain what Walker is saying about her mother. Select a quotation that you think reveals what Alice Walker is saying about what makes her mother special. Then write about what sets you apart that other people sometimes overlook.

[In Search of Our Mother's Gardens by Alice Walker](#)

Part 2

STEM Writing

Write a single response that is 250-500 words and addresses the following prompt:

We would like to learn how you would use science, technology, engineering and/or math (STEM) in the following scenario: You have been elected to head one of the New York City government departments listed below. You have been granted \$10 billion dollars to use to improve your community. Please tell us which agency you would be the head of and how you would use the money to change your community to make it better. What would you make them do? Remember, to describe your community and explain how you would use STEM.

- The Department of Environmental Protection
- The Department of Buildings
- The Department of Sanitation
- The Department of Transportation
- The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- The Department of Parks and Recreation
- NYC Emergency Management
- Department of City Planning
- Mayor's Office of Urban Agriculture

Part 3

Video Interview

The video interview gives you an opportunity to tell us more about yourself, in your voice, beyond what you have written. Sharing a one to two-minute personal video is a helpful way to show us who you are and why you are interested in attending Bard High School Early College. Please submit a 1 to 2 minute (maximum time) video that includes the following:

- A. An introduction to who you are
- B. An answer to **both** of the questions below:

Our school mission is premised on the belief that many students, from all cultures and backgrounds, are ready and eager to begin taking college-level courses in high school.

What makes you want to attend an early college?

What about being a Bard student most excites you?

Please Don't Forget

Your two completed written responses and video are to be submitted through your MySchools account.