The students will type a two page research report, while citing their resources. A third page will be an MLA bibliography.

Paragraph topics can include: location, climate, admission requirements, regional activities, "special" programs/ majors, undergrad population, student/teacher ratio, average class size, tuition, boarding, financial aid, on-site employment opportunities, etc...

Each paragraph (and there can be MANY) needs to have a clear topic. Topics are chosen by students, based on what's most important to them. Transitions are mandatory. Intro/Conclusion paragraphs should be no more than four sentences.

This is just an outline. We can adjust as necessary. I've included some links as resources for the types of questions students can research:

http://www.scholarships.com/resources/college-prep/choosing-the-right-school/questions-to-ask-yourself-when-choosing-a-college/

http://www.actstudent.org/college/choosing.html

http://ezinearticles.com/?Choosing-a-College:-Important-Questions-You-Need-To-Ask&id=6572343

http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/Prepare/pt3.html

http://www.alfredstate.edu/admissions/questions-to-ask-when-choosing-a-college