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Outstanding recommendations: Who to ask, and why your favorite teacher may not be the best choice

1. How do recommendation letters **affect** colleges' admissions decisions?
2. What are some examples of **bad** letters of recommendation?
3. What is the **best** way to decide who to ask for a letter of recommendation?
Why is your *favorite* teacher not necessarily the best person to ask?
4. **What** should you give teachers and counselors who are writing your letters?
(hint: it's *not* your resume!)
5. **When** is the best time to ask for recommendation letters?
6. How can you get the best possible letter from your **school counselor**?
(even if they don't know you very well?)