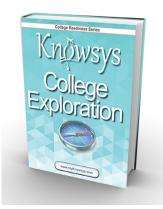


## **College Exploration** & Countdown Course



## The Mission: Find the perfect university

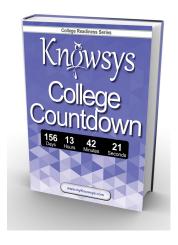
The Knowsys College Exploration Curriculum provides guided "missions" that lead students to explore a wide range of universities.

Each mission has specific requirements (like, find a private university with 2,500 to 5,000 students that is located in the Eastern part of the U.S. and has a study abroad program).

With the Knowsys College Exploration Workbook, students use the College Board's Big Future website to efficiently gather the information and evaluate the universities.

- · Project-based learning
- Students share their best finds from each mission, further broadening their horizons by hearing what other students have found
- Over the course of the 20 missions, students identify up to 200 distinct universities and then begin to hone the list down based on their own preferences for consideration such as private versus public, urban versus rural, large versus small, etc.

The entire Knowsys College Exploration Course guides students through this investigative process, opening the students' eyes to the wide range of universities available and the key selection criteria that they should consider when evaluating their options.



## The Mission: Get ready, set, and go!

The Knowsys College Countdown Course walks students step-by-step through the college application process:

- Financial Literacy and College Affordability: scholarship research and applications and completing the FAFSA
- Applications: terminology, process, ApplyTexas App, Common App, and resume
- Application Essays: overview, samples, requirements, story mapping, writing, and revising
- Study Skills: note taking, close reading, jargon, technology, and time management
- Optional Professional Development: 3-hour overview training plus set up teachers with online resources