

# “Tell Me About Yourself.”

## Answering General Questions | M.S.R. Activity

### Part 1:

<b>Position Description</b>	
<b>Company Website Link</b>	
<b>Identify why are you interested in this position. (Similar skills, career interests, values, relevant goals)</b>	
<b>Identify why are you interested in this employer. (Identify employer’s mission, values, goals)</b>	

### Part 2:

Use the information gathered in Part 1 and the M.S.R method to build your answer to address the question, “Tell Me About Yourself.”

<b>M = Main Idea</b> Briefly state the main point you’re trying to make. (Hint: Include the results you discovered in Part 1 and briefly state how you are qualified for the position)	
<b>S = Supporting Evidence</b> Support the main idea with evidence. How can you prove the main idea is true? (Hint: Discuss your how your skills and strengths support the needs of the position and the company)	
<b>R = Restate main idea</b> Close the loop by restating the main idea. (Hint: Conclude with your evidence and by restating the results you discovered in Part 1)	

## Answer Example Using the M.S.R Method

<p><b>M = Main Idea</b> Briefly state the main point you're trying to make.</p>	<p>I am currently an undergraduate student at Cal State LA pursuing my bachelor's degree in Geology with a focus in water quality issues, and I have enjoyed engaging with communities to make positive changes in their surrounding environment. I am excited to utilize what I've learned to positively contribute to your company's initiative to connect, inspire, and empower individuals to advocate for their community wellness. I would love to be part of your progressive organization as my values align closely with your mission to promote the social equity and mobility of underrepresented communities successfully. Because of my research, analysis, and writing experience, I am confident I will be an excellent addition to your team.</p>
<p><b>S = Supporting Evidence</b> Support the main idea with evidence. How can you prove the main idea is true?</p>	<p>I am proud to say I have acquired two years of experience as a Research Assistant to Dr. Morales utilizing my research, analysis, and writing skills. Working alongside Dr. Morales has given me an opportunity to do fieldwork throughout the San Gabriel Valley in testing water quality levels. After collecting samples and inputting data into our collection software, I analyzed the findings and wrote several reports summarizing the key findings. These reports were later incorporated into Dr. Morales' published articles.</p>
<p><b>R = Restate main idea</b> Close the loop by restating the main idea.</p>	<p>As the <i>Environmental Coordinator</i> at <i>Earth First, Inc.</i> will need to create water quality reports for partners and members of the organization, I look forward to applying my research, analysis and writing skills to your current initiatives to empower individuals to advocate for their community wellness.</p>