Traits and Things to Consider

1. ***Personability***
   - Do you enjoy working with others? In what ways?
   - Are you team-oriented and able to collaborate? Or do you prefer more independent work?
   - Would you be willing to share your ideas with others?

2. ***Academic Compatibility***
   - What schools, departments, and professors have similar goals and objectives as yours?
   - Does the program you are considering have the resources and tools available to you in order for you to succeed as a student?
   - How are you able to tailor your resume, cover letter, and essays to each school and program you are wishing to apply to? Do you have personal examples to share or relevant experience? How can you improve in this area?

3. ***Original Thoughts***
   - Graduate programs place a high value on developing and articulating original ideas. Are you willing to show off your original work?
     - In most statements of purpose, applicants are asked to outline their current or expected research interests. This gives you a chance to show off your original ideas in concise, thoughtful ways.