

8. At least two letters of recommendation are required as an aid in evaluating candidates. They may be from your undergraduate or graduate instructors, and/or from other qualified persons. Letters may be sent directly to the department by the writer, or sent together, unopened, with your other application materials. Please list your references below:

Title/ Name of Reference	Name of Institution (or other affiliation)

9. Please state at some length, on a separate sheet of paper, information about yourself that will help the graduate committee evaluate your application. You might wish to include the following: your past and current academic interests; reasons for choosing graduate work in literature, and specifically reasons for choosing the M.A. program at San Francisco State University; jobs you have held; current interests outside of school; travel; knowledge of languages other than English; and the reasons you consider the study of literature important to you. Do not feel obligated either to exhaust the preceding list of topics or to restrict yourself to it.
10. In addition to the statement of purpose, please send us a writing sample, a critical essay of five to ten pages, on a topic of your choosing. Since the committee places considerable emphasis on the statement and the essay in the selection of candidates, please compose these carefully.