**Directions: Use your knowledge and the article to answer the questions.**

**Pre-Read Questions**

1. What do you think of when you think about Harvard or other Ivy League schools?
2. How do you think schools decide to admit students? How do you think it could be improved?

**From the text**

1. What is a meritocracy? What, then, is the meritocratic spirit?
2. What is a WASP? Why is this information important for context within the story about Harvard?
3. Describe the crisis Harvard had when they start admitting students based on merit. What is your opinion about this being a “crisis”? Explain.
4. How did Harvard change things so they would not have a crisis again? Did it work? How do you think it compared to today?
5. What is symbolic capital and how does it relate to school admissions?
6. Do you think schools should be able to brand themselves how they want? Explain both pros and cons.
7. How does a sociological analysis such as this help?