

2023 Summer Write-On Competition Questions

Question: Is the personal statement supposed to be capped at 500 or 750 words? The prompt says 750 but the rules say 500.

Answer: The word count is 750 and has been updated in the materials on TWEN.

Question: The competition strictly prohibits the inclusion of identifying information in the materials submitted, does this include the mentioning of personal identities such as race, socio-economic class, sexuality, or gender to answer the Personal Statement prompt?

Answer: You may mention personal identities to answer the Personal Statement prompt but not specific places or names. For example, in my personal statement, I wrote about being from North Louisiana and my experiences growing up in a rural area. I just didn't mention the specific city that I was from.

Question: I am wondering if we can cite to cases that are cited within the provided materials but which we are not given in full? (Such as Connick or Pickering) or if we may only cite in our footnotes cases that we were given in full.

Answer: Yes, you may cite these sources to the extent they are mentioned/quoted in the source packet. However, **you may not go outside of the packet** and look these sources up to obtain more information.