

STAGE 4 · BY NOTICE

PROCESS VERIFICATION

A short screen-recorded explanation of how you actually researched and wrote your essay.

STAGE 01
GUIDE AND
QUESTIONS

STAGE 02
CONFIRM
PARTICIPATION

STAGE 03
FINAL SUBMISSION

STAGE 04
**PROCESS
VERIFICATION**

IS THIS REQUIRED?

Not from every participant. WYE requires a selected proportion of students on the provisional shortlist to submit process-verification material. Other participants may submit voluntarily.

Every student who submits the material and passes verification receives a WYE Essay Prize Participation and Completion Certificate.

AT A GLANCE

MAXIMUM LENGTH

10 minutes

FORMAT

Screen recording

ROUTE

**Secure WYE
upload**

01 VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

Submit a screen-recorded explanation of no more than 10 minutes describing your authentic writing and research process. WYE does not assess accent, video quality, editing or presentation style.

COVER EACH OF THESE

- ☐ Why you selected the question.
 - ☐ How your central argument developed.
 - ☐ Which sources or evidence mattered most, and how you assessed their quality.
 - ☐ How the outline, first draft and final draft changed.
 - ☐ What help you received from mentors, family members, editors, translators or others.
 - ☐ Whether and how you used AI tools.
 - ☐ If useful, a brief view of drafts, notes or version history.
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02 SUBMISSION AND PRIVACY

- **Use the secure route only.** Submit through the WYE upload route. Do not publish the video or send it through social media.
 - **Hide private material.** Passwords, login details, private messages, home addresses, identity documents and unrelated personal information must not appear on screen.
 - **Show only what is needed.** Reveal the portions of drafts, notes or version history required to explain your process, and no more.
 - **Minors: consent first.** Follow the platform instructions for parent or guardian consent.
 - **Alternatives exist.** If disability, accessibility, safety or serious privacy constraints prevent a standard video submission, request a reasonable alternative through WYE.
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03 WHAT WYE VERIFIES

- Whether the explanation is consistent with the submitted essay.
- Whether the student understands the essay's argument, evidence and limitations.
- Whether AI use and external assistance match the formal disclosure.
- Whether drafts, notes or version history reasonably support the described process.

04 OUTCOME

For students selected from the provisional shortlist, passing verification may be required to confirm shortlist status. WYE may request a limited clarification when material is incomplete or inconsistent.

COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

Every participant who submits process-verification material and passes the review receives a certificate confirming participation in and completion of the WYE Essay Prize. The certificate does not by itself indicate shortlist status or an award.

End of the four-stage sequence. Stage 1 — Competition Guide · Stage 2 — Confirm Participation · Stage 3 — Final Essay Submission · Stage 4 — Process Verification.