

First Place Essay Writer (Prim Sumritpradit) Interview Answers:

What got you interested in your essay topic?

I always like to approach these things as a fan, first and foremost. If I get a choice in what I write about, I want to make sure that I'll enjoy writing about it. When I saw the guidelines for the Hit Essay, Euphoria seemed like such a perfect topic, especially since I was part of its audience and experienced its cultural impact.

What's the best / most surprising discovery you made about this topic while working on your essay?

I would say it was figuring out the reason why the show felt relatable despite its heightened circumstances. The discussion of works of fiction making you aware of their constructed nature was something I had included in my previous work, so being able to come back to it and link it to Euphoria was exciting.

What's a tip you can give first-year Otis students to help them make their writing/their time in WITDA as successful as possible?

Don't wait for the perfect essay to manifest itself! In my high school, you were only allowed to receive one round of feedback for a draft, so I was in the habit of pressuring myself to write masterpieces right off the bat. It always paralyzed me and made it difficult to start work. At Otis, having the opportunity to get multiple rounds of feedback means that you can be more experimental. Go ahead and get your brain vomit on the page — it might just become a great essay.