

PANTHERA EDGE FOUNDATION

1500 FOR \$1,500 - (Jan '2024)

1500 essay -January '24.round 8

A VERY BRIGHT PANTHERA SCHOLAR ASKED

One of the Panthera Scholars asked at a recent luncheon, how do we select the 1500 For \$1,500 Essay Prompts?

Clue #1 -- Tom Brady's illustrative story Prompted **HARD WORK OUTPERFORMS TALENT....**

Clue #2 – Alex Epstein's challenged the use of "Critical-Thinking" versus subjective beliefs... provoking the Prompt **WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE GREEN NEW DEAL**

Legends are created and Battles are won at the intersection of **HARD WORK + CRITICAL THINKING.**

LEGENDS ARE CREATED

In 480 BC there was a historic battle that is relevant to your personal and professional life, if you choose to embrace its core principles.

At age 7, young Sparta boys were stripped from their mother's arms and raised in a meritorious based environment, constantly presented with progressive daily challenges designed to harden themselves for extreme unknown future tasks. King Leonidas of Sparta was a product of that system. He pursued excellence in both physical skills AND critical thinking skills.

He held off the Persian Army of more than 100,000 warriors with 300 Spartans for 3 days before being killed. These 300 Spartans' reputation became instantaneously legendary around the Battle of Thermopylae.

How did King Leonidas accomplish this miraculous feat?

Answer: A lifetime of excellence in pursuit of **HARD WORK + CRITICAL THINKING**

PS: If interested, view the 2007 Movie "300" on your favorite movie platform.

THE PANTHERA VISION

Panthera is made up of 109 Promising Bright Scholars, and growing. Approximately 1/3 of Panthera Scholars have graduated and are making their way in society, professionally and personally. We are on our way in creating an awe inspiring Panthera (Sparta) 300 from which **ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.**

As you take your place, we hope you share our Creed --- that "your" Panthera Legend is forming at the intersection of **HARD WORK + CRITICAL THINKING.**

Over time, you will "critically" decide the "what" and "how" to engage in unselfish challenges that are thoughtfully selected to objectively **MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

YOUR 1500 FOR \$1500 PROMPT:

1. This 5-MIN VIDEO contains "4 TIPS ON HOW TO THINK OBJECTIVELY" = <https://www.prageru.com/video/how-to-think-objectively>:
 - a. Use Critical Thinking (objectively critique your own thoughts)
 - b. Do your own research (seeking truth)
 - c. Be open to changing your mind
 - d. Be aware of Emotional Thinking
2. This 5-MIN VIDEO -- the Prompt "INCOME INEQUALITY IS GOOD?" = [Income Inequality is Good | PragerU](#)
3. Showcase your CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS in a 1500 word essay entitled "INCOME INEQUALITY IS GOOD"Provide your objective rationale in agreement with the Prompt... **OR**, provide your objective arguments in the alternative. In either case, clearly state your conclusion and demonstrate excellence of Critical Thinking. Tip: ***This is a competition of Critical Thinking. Caution: Read (implement) the 4 Tips above.***

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ELIGIBILITY –

1. United States based Panthera Scholars.
2. Panthera Edge Scholarship Students that are enrolled in their respective 4-yr Universities, full-time status, for the 2023-2024 academic year.
3. Submitting an Essay signifies your prior approval that Panthera may use your Essay to inspire, educate and benefit others.
4. Submit an Essay, 1,500 words or less, that persuades the Selection Committee that your Essay is the Best of the Best and win **1st place & a \$1500 scholarship (inclusive of the \$300)**! The Selection Committee includes your peers who recently preceded you and are now Panthera Legacy Scholars. **Each submittal receives a \$300 scholarship deposited into your Student Account.**
5. **Each scholarship recipient agrees to receive funds in their University Student Account (and not directly). Funds may only be used for tuition or university expenses in the direct pursuit of a Bachelor Degree.**
6. PLEASE place your name on ALL pages of your essay. **Repeat:** PLEASE place you name on ALL pages of your essay!

SCHEDULE –

Submittal Deadline: Monday, February 12, 2024

Submit to

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Notification of Winner: Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Additional Thoughts –

Oliver Wendell Holmes: “The human mind once stretched by a new idea never goes back to its original dimensions.”

Albert Einstein: “No problem can be resolved from the same level of consciousness that created it.”

Joseph Joubert: “It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.”