

BELLRINGER BOMBS

YOU HAVE ONLY SEVEN MINUTES TO WRITE TWO PARAGRAPHS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC ONCE THE BELL RINGS [This will be collected after 7 minutes]

The following statement is from an essay by Chinese American author Eric Liu in his essay “Notes of a Native Speaker.” “For a while it may be possible to transcend race, it is not always necessary to try. And while racial identity is sometimes a shackle, it is not only a shackle. I could have spared myself a great deal of heartache had I understood this earlier; that the choice of race is not simply ‘embrace or efface’.” Write an essay in which you support, challenge, or modify Liu’s beliefs about race. Use your reading, observation, and experience to develop your opinion.

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In his essay “Just Walk By,” Brent Staples argues that black males are perceived as threatening public space. Is the main variable gender? That is, a man—of any race—likely to be perceived as a threat when he is in a public space, such as a street or a mall? Write an essay using personal experiences, observations, or current events to support your position.

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Consider the statement, “Once I found the strength to be myself, I had no need to act myself,” and write a narrative explaining an important experience of growth or increased self-awareness in your own life.

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