

WRITING PROGRAM

STUDENT RELEASE FORM

Faculty Instructions

The WP legal dream team has developed a student release form that should enable us to use anonymous student writing in our teaching and research--whether in course-packs, overhead slides, handouts, published articles, or half-time Super Bowl spots--without fear of being sued for invasion of privacy, libel, or intentional infliction of emotional distress.

This language is adapted from that used on the systemwide Subject A exams. If you think you may use samples of your students' writing in the future, either in the context of a class or for your own research, then early in the course, before they have submitted any work, ask them to sign and date the following statement (this may simply take the form of multiple signatures and dates on a single page):

"I agree to give the University of California and/or its faculty permission to use my writing anonymously in its educational materials and/or its research and instruction."

If you intend to use an extended example of student writing in a textbook or reader published by a commercial publisher (not NCTE or MLA), then professional courtesy dictates that students be paid a small fee. Of course, you must secure separate student approval before using their actual names.