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PERSONAL STATEMENTS WORKSHEET

What is Your THEME?

- Your THEME is the main idea.
 - What do you want the admissions committee to know about you?

Take a moment and brainstorm the following questions to come up with your theme:

1. *What are 3 words (you can list more) that describe who you are?*

(Use adjectives) These can be physical traits and qualities.

(Ex: Passionate, hard-working, woman)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. *How do you add value to your community?*

(Ex: Motivate, teach, inspire)

3. *If you only had one sentence what would you say about yourself to the admissions committee?*

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PERSONAL STATEMENTS OUTLINE

Theme: _____

INTRODUCTION

1. Attention grabbing sentence. (set up the story you are about to tell and/ obstacles(s) you overcame).

BACKGROUND

Begin to tell your story by answering some of these questions.

1. *Why do I want to be a lawyer?*
2. *What type of job do I want to have after I graduate law school?*
3. *What community or clients do I want to serve?*
4. *What obstacles have I faced and overcome?*

PRESENT

Explain what you are currently doing (experience, jobs, school) to prepare you for your goals in the legal profession.

1. *How did you overcome the obstacle you just discussed?*
2. *What did you learn from this experience?*

FUTURE GOALS

Use this opportunity to express what you want to do with your law degree and why. Connect the dots of your story and how this led you to wanting to pursue a law degree.

CONCLUSION

Connect your personal mission to the law school's mission.

1. *Specifically write out the law school by name*
2. *List out WHY you want to go to this school*
 - a. Location? Classes / Clinics? Diversity/Demographic?
3. Last sentence should be simple and to the point.
 - a. Ex: "I am looking forward to beginning my legal journey at XYZ Law School. Thank you for your time and consideration."