

Handout 72. Learning from Your Final Portfolio

Student Reflection

Write a letter to me reflecting on your growth as a writer, reader, and thinker this year. Please address at least the following questions within your letter:

1. Making choices . . .



What does the design and overall nature of this portfolio (its cover, organization, collection of work . . .) say about you as a person, writer, and reader?



Why did you choose to include each piece in your portfolio—what does each piece show about your growth, interests, struggles, boredoms? In this explanation, discuss which is your favorite and why. As you discuss each piece, hyperlink to the piece itself on your CD so that your reader can read your reflection and the piece itself simultaneously. (If it is work done on paper, indicate this.)

2. Reflecting on your year . . .



Have you challenged yourself in your writing this year? Does the work in your portfolio show a year of hard work, effort, revision, experimentation . . . ? Why or why not? What grammar skills have you mastered this year? Which skills do you still need to work on?



What was your favorite thing we did in class this year (a work we read, a paper we wrote, a group project we completed . . .)? What did you like so much about it?

3. Looking toward being sophomores . . .



As you look at this portfolio as evidence of your growth this year and as you look toward a new year of growth starting next August, what are two goals you hope to achieve in your learning and how do you believe you can achieve them?