



WHAT IS A PORTFOLIO?

- A document or container presenting all of your best works
- For this course, your container of your best work will be within a website



Notice how you are choosing one major essay, the one you feel you did the best on, and you are uploading the content related to that assignment onto the website. Best means the most improved, regardless of the grade received or if you currently have a grade for the assignment or not.

THE PORTFOLIO GRADE

- The portfolio assignment contains two parts to it
 - The website (50% of the entire grade)
 - The reflective essay (50% of the entire grade)



We are referring to the website and essay as "The Portfolio." Each portion is worth its own grade and will be combined to receive the average for "The Portfolio" assignment.



UPLOADED ITEMS NEEDED FOR WEBSITE

■ Will contain these major elements:

- 1.) A reflective essay from 500-800 words long
- 2.) One major essay outline
- 3.) The same essay's tutoring comments
- 4.) The same major essay final draft
- 5.) Any conference notes or brainstorming written to get started (optional)

It will be an online copy.



***Remember, your grades are private information, and you are *not required* to show the graded version as the websites you create are public.

The optional portion is a good one to include if you're missing any of the four above it. It acts as a replacement for the four above it if you somehow forgot one of the required elements or never completed the outline or tutoring for the essay chosen.

CREATIVITY PORTION OF THE WEBSITE

Will include:

A demonstration in creativity and organization through the templates and formatting of the site, a unique title page/home page, and an interesting “about me” section.

- Weebly
- Wix
- Squarespace
- WordPress
- Tumblr



Online portfolios that appear extremely basic will receive a poor grade for lack of effort. You may use any of the sites on the slide to create an online portfolio. The websites are considered website creators, so you are actually creating your own website that acts as a portfolio to showcase your work.
Yes, this is time consuming, thus the entire week to complete the assignment.

TITLE PAGE

- Is the home page of your website and includes your portfolio's unique name as the title of the site.



No, you may not simply use "My Portfolio." Be creative and think of a different name for the home page title.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- A description of each important item
- Should be in tab format because this is a website.
- You have multiple tabs to readjust or add on the website creator. Here are some examples of tabs you would include:

About Me, Rough Draft, Tutoring Comments, Final Draft, Reflective Essay



The example is how it would be displayed on a website tab. This portion is necessary for the organization of the website.

ABOUT ME



Shawn Mendes- I'm pretty cool. This is the only pic. I have of myself. I like to go out dancing, partying, and drinking. I'm only taking this class cuz I have to.



Example of an unacceptable about me page. Informal and sloppy in appearance. This section does include a balance of information on the English course and their personal life. Must have both and do so well.

*You may use a selfie for the picture so long as it appears professional- no duckfaces, no sleeping, no peace signs, etc.

ABOUT ME



James Gordon

I'm a 22 yr. old entrepreneur, enrolled in college as an engineer major. I enjoy photography, fixing broken items, and raising my dog.

This is my first English course in college, and it has helped to improve my writing skills in all aspects of life, as I hope it will continue to further my progress in life.

Welcome to my journey as a writer.



Example of an acceptable about me page. Notice how the selfie looks more professional than the previous one. He includes a paragraph about himself and a paragraph about his experience in class.

SAMPLE ONLINE PORTFOLIO

- <http://ashgautreaux.wixsite.com/1301portfolio>
- <http://kacheer12.wixsite.com/krystalportfolio>
- <https://rhondakg09.wixsite.com/mysite-1>



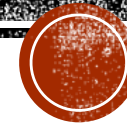
Here are some good examples! Not all of them contain the elements I asserted you should have because some are examples from other instructor's classes. I haven't saved many amazing examples.

The first one has a very organized website. She doesn't have a unique title page and would need to fix that.

The second one is uniquely organized and looks aesthetically pleasing. This one is excellent but missing an "About Me" section.

The last one is an excellent example from one of my former students.

REFLECTIVE ESSAYS



WHAT IS A REFLECTIVE ESSAY?

- An essay reflecting back on a specific event
- This essay will reflect on the progress you have made since the beginning of class up until now and examine your writing progression.
- It will also be added within your online portfolio.



You are choosing the essay you feel is most improved and explaining what you have improved upon from the beginning of the semester up until the essay you have chosen.

ORGANIZATION OF A REFLECTIVE ESSAY

- Introduction —> Thesis statement: lists the main area you feel you have improved on and why it's important/why you focused on that.
- BP #1 —> Specific area of improvement
- BP #2 —> Specific area of improvement
- Conclusion —> Look to the future and why your improvement matters in other aspects of life



OK you may organize it as such:

- Introduction
- BP (Body Paragraph) #1- Three major areas of improvement.
- Conclusion

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

- Organization
- Citations
- Learning MLA format
- Sentence structure issues: fragments, run-on sentences, comma splices, etc.
- Spelling issues
- Grammatical errors: commonly confused words, comma misuse, apostrophe misuse, etc.
- Thesis statements
- Introductions
- Conclusions
- Effective Source Incorporation
- Transitioning



There's more to this list that I didn't add. You will need to think about areas of improvement as you consider which essay to choose from. The essay you choose will be the basis of the reflective essay and portfolio. You may need to look at my comments to see where you've improved, as a numerical grade isn't necessarily a sign of improvement. So your best work might not be the last essay.

SAMPLE REFLECTIVE ESSAYS

- <https://isaiahportfolio1301.weebly.com/reflective-essay.html>
- <https://salsfolio.weebly.com/reflective-essay.html>



Remember to use SPECIFIC examples from your essay to explain areas of improvement. Do NOT just say, "I did well on my grammar in the second essay. Less marks. The scale went from good to excellent." Say something like, "As seen in my initial rough draft, there were quite a few run-on sentences in the second paragraph. But as I progressed and corrected those issues, my final draft contained no run-on sentences at all."

Specific= examples from the essay you improved the most upon
This also means you may directly quote your previous essays, but you do NOT need to cite yourself for this assignment.