ELA 7
Unit 5 Portfolio
Informative Text Portfolio

Unsure of where to start your portfolio? Start at step one!!

Step 1: Choose the topic that interests you the most -- the 4 options are listed in lesson 9 on slide 5.

Step 2: Decide on your purpose for writing. Will it be to inform or to explain?

Step 3: Review the three options for planning an informative or explanatory essay that are presented in the lesson. Choose the type of plan that best suits how you like to record your ideas about the topic.

Step 4: Draft a concise essay in Microsoft Word on the topic you chose. Use a 3 paragraph format:

Paragraph 1 Introduction

-Topic sentence (briefly state your topic in ONE sentence)

-Enumeration sentence (list your 3 subtopics in ONE sentence using 3 separate key words for each subtopic in the order you'll discuss them)

Paragraph 2 Body

-First subtopic sentence (make sure your key word is in this sentence)

-supporting detail sentence

-supporting detail sentence

-Second subtopic sentence (make sure your key word is in this sentence)

-supporting detail sentence

-supporting detail sentence

-Third subtopic sentence (make sure your key word is in this sentence)

-supporting detail sentence

-supporting detail sentence

Paragraph 3 Conclusion

- Restate your main topic sentence but use different words

-Write one wrap up sentence to close the paper

Step 5: Read your essay and mark any words or phrases you think could be more precise. Replace those words with concise and specific language.

Step 6: Edit the introduction, body, and conclusion using the "practice" slide questions in lesson 17.

Step 7: Use the spelling and grammar check tool on your essay.

Step 8: Create a Works Cited page OR hyperlink the website URL you used to gather any information about your topic. This is the LAST thing in your document.

STUDENT EXAMPLE:

KNEEBOARDING

Have you ever heard of the water sport called kneeboarding? It's an aquatic boardsport that blends the characteristics of surfing, water skiing, and wakeboarding. If you find one of those sports too difficult to perform, kneeboarding may be just the sport for you!

Kneeboards were first produced commercially in the 1970s, with just a few fans; but in recent years have become very popular to large crowds of enthusiasts. There are two main types of kneeboards that have been created to keep up with the growing interest in the sport: recreational and competitive boards. Besides the actual kneeboard, the only other required equipment are: a tow rope, a life jacket and a boat that can go 15-20 mph. Getting up on the kneeboard takes only a few basic steps. The first step is to start in deep water laying on top of the kneeboard. Second, hold onto the front edges of the kneeboard and hold onto the tow rope. Third, once the boat starts moving, wait till the kneeboard gets on a plane and pull yourself up to a kneeling position. Fourth,

tighten the strap over your thighs. Fifth, keep your weight balanced to the back of the board and hold onto the tow rope. Sounds easy enough right? Now you are ready to start trying tricks! Due to the low center of gravity, kneeboarders are able to perform a vast number of tricks with fewer chances of wiping out, compared to stand up wakeboarders and surfers.

Therefore, because kneeboarding has an easier learning curve and you're less likely to get hurt because you're closer to the water if you do fall, it's a sport for nearly all. With just a few simple items you are ready to try out the fun water sport of kneeboarding. Are you ready to give it a try?

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