

# Creative Writing Digital Portfolio

## Portfolio Requirements

- Dear Reader Letter
- Poetry
- Love vs Hate
- Narrative
- Copy Switch
- Author's Choice 1
- Author's Choice 2

## Google Site

Each participant will set up his or her own google site to use for the portfolio platform. This portfolio will be shared with your instructor.

### Dear Reader Letter: Reflective Writing

“And, while Cinderella and her prince did live happily ever after, the point, gentlemen, is that they lived.” –from *Ever After*.

A reflection is not a report of factual information. It is an expression of your expectations, perceptions, and feelings of the experience represented by your evidence. It is essentially a discussion of your personal growth as a writer.

Reflection on an experience helps you to make links between theory and practice, integrate new knowledge with previous knowledge, and develop your understanding. Reflecting on and learning from your experiences, including your mistakes, can help you to avoid repeated mistakes and, at the same time, identify successful aspects of an experience and principles that might usefully be applied to other situations. Reflection provides the opportunity to make sense of and learn from any experience and handle similar situations appropriately another time.

To be effective and constructive, reflective writing needs to go beyond description of events and your own associated feelings. You need to:

- \*step back, explore, and analyze your own role in the experience
- \*show what you have learned from the process of writing

The whole idea is to examine your strengths and weaknesses as a writer and as a student. The point is not did you develop as a writer, but rather, where are you as a writer? What will you take into your next writing assignment in the future?

### **Include a discussion of the following points.**

1. Who are you as a high school student?
2. Who are you as a writer?
3. Who are you as a maturing adolescent and how does writing add to that experience?

Then, introduce the elements of your portfolio. What do you want these pieces to demonstrate about you as a developing writer and individual? What was your focus throughout the writing process? What skills do you want to celebrate about your portfolio? What do you hope to gain as a result of continued writing in the future?

Other things to address in the letter...

\*Describe your prewriting process. In process papers, what mental processes do you use to develop your writing products? Outlining? Brainstorming?

\*How does your prewriting process impact your final product? Explain why you either prefer paper/pencil prewriting or typing your rough drafts.

\* Discuss a piece of writing in your portfolio you found relatively easy to create. What genre of writing was the selection? What made it easy to write? Use quotes from your writing to prove your point.

\*Discuss a piece of writing you found relatively difficult to create. What genre of writing was the selection? Why was it difficult to write? Use quotes from your writing to explain your point.

\*What elements from this class (discussions, assignments, videos, others' examples, ...) affected your writing products? Explain your reasoning.

\*Which assignments will influence you as a writer? Discuss additional assignments or concepts that should be explored by all writers, especially those taking this class.

\*Explain where you are headed as a writer.

*Don't forget to publish your Creative Writing google site for teacher review and grading. (see separate instruction page)*

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