

Essay Writing B Final Portfolio

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Think back to the first day of class, to the course goals, to the discussion about the Writing Challenges. Think back over the weeks, over the readings and work you have done, and over the papers—eight in all—you have written. You have done an amazing amount of work, thought about new ideas and concepts, and practiced skills that hopefully will transfer to other classes and other endeavors. Now is the time to reflect on, to revise, to organize, and to polish your work and your ideas.

The Final Portfolio not only allows you ample opportunity to demonstrate what you have learned but also gives you the advantage of being graded on a final product (after you have had a five week's worth of writing practice). Each assignment required you to develop a different skills, beginning with broad issues—clarity, genre conventions, organization, argument, exigence, analysis, close reading, and revision—and moving on to more specific concerns—tone, audience, paragraph development, sentence structure, word choice, precision, and citations. Take a look at the Essay Writing C course goals and you will see that you have engaged and practiced each skill or concept. More importantly, you dug in, got your hands dirty, sweated, and cheered. In all, then, the final portfolio reflects the culmination of these ideas and efforts and allows you to

choose the writing you feel represents your best work.

Portfolio Guidelines

Your final assignment for the quarter is to submit a portfolio of the writing you have produced in this course. The portfolio must include the following:

- Writing Challenge #8.0: **Cover Letter**, which articulates how you now see yourself as a writer and reader, how your writing engages and demonstrate the course goals, what you have learned and analyzed and critiqued over the course of the quarter, and what you believe your final assessment will be (see Cover Letter assignment sheet)
- at least **two** of your Writing Challenges, each revised and improved
- all** of the other Writing Challenges, drafts and graded versions, in chronological order, which do not have to be revised
- a **table of contents** that lists everything included in your portfolio

You must include all of your commented-on work. A portfolio that does not include ALL of the above will be considered incomplete. Furthermore, a portfolio in which several assignments fall significantly short of their page length requirements will also be considered incomplete. **An incomplete portfolio means an inadequate or failing grade for the portfolio.** Remember that your Final Portfolio is worth 20% of your final grade.

Submit the portfolio in a 2-pocket folder that has been **clearly labeled** with your name, course, section, date, and my name. Arrange the portfolio neatly in this order:

Left Pocket

Table of Contents
All work not selected for grading,
Arranged chronologically from start
of class to end of class

Right Pocket

Cover Letter
2 or more revised Writing Challenges

Portfolios are due on **THURSDAY, JULY 28** at the start of class. **LATE PORTFOLIOS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** If you foresee a problem, please make arrangements as soon as possible.