

**Senior Showcase Portfolio Requirements: Due Wednesday, May 26, 2010****(Pick up your English folder today.)**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this portfolio is to allow you to reflect on and to assess the writing you have done throughout high school. Some of the work may be from classes other than English. **The completed Senior Portfolio should include this sheet** (put at back of the portfolio) and 8 of the following (Choose 8 and **number** them in your Portfolio); check off (below) the ones I will find in your Portfolio:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ •a cover sheet illustrating your progress as a writer.  
•a paragraph explanation of the cover sheet.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ •an introduction (letter, explanation) serving as a table of contents or description of pieces.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ •your best analytical essay.  
•a reflection on your reasons for choosing that essay.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ •an essay written during your senior year and an essay written during a previous year.  
•a discussion of how your senior essay shows your growth as a writer.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ •a description of that part of the research process most beneficial to you.  
•an explanation of how going through the research process has helped you as a writer/thinker.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ •an answer to the following questions: What aspect of the writing process has been most difficult for you? How have you dealt with it?  
•an essay excerpt which illustrates your problem area.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ •a piece of work that demonstrates your technological proficiency.  
•your reflection on the value of technology for you.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ •a sample of writing that is not expository: reflective, creative, personal (college application essay/autobiographical essay/diary/journal etc.), journalistic (newspaper/yearbook).  
•your reflection on your reasons for choosing that piece.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ •one paragraph explaining how, as you enter college or the work world, you still need help as a writer.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ •a letter from your parent(s) or guardian(s) containing their reflections on your portfolio.

**Assessment Criteria:**

- 1. Depth and sincerity of reflections**
- 2. Completeness**
- 3. Neatness**
- 4. Aesthetically Pleasing)**
- 5. Quality of writing (for the reflections)**

**ESLRs Addressed By The Portfolio Requirements:**

1. Technological Proficiency: In almost every case, your portfolio shows your competence in the use of a computer. Some of you have also used video, CD Rom and related technologies to produce a finished product.
2. Critical Thinking: Virtually every entry requires you to demonstrate critical thinking skills including analysis, interpretation, synthesis, evaluation and application.
3. Post Secondary Preparation: #5, in particular, shows that you have completed course work of sufficient rigor to enable post-secondary success.