

Due: _____

Showcase Portfolio Requirements

The freshman portfolio is a culminating experience for freshman English.

The purpose of the portfolio is to:

- To give you an opportunity to reflect on what you have written each semester.
- To assess your growth in writing this year.
- To create new writing goals for next year based on this year's writing.

The Student Portfolio should include:

- 1 A cover sheet illustrating what you think is the most important part of the writing process for you, or the most significant concept or idea you have learned in the first year of high school English.
- 2 A table of contents.
- 3 A one paragraph explanation of the cover sheet (on the next page).
- 4 Your best writing from each semester and a one paragraph explanation for each piece with your reason(s) for selecting them. (This writing does not need to be your best grade, just what you believed was the best example of your writing)
- 5 Your most difficult essay/assignment you **wrote** with a one paragraph explanation of why it was the most difficult (this does not necessarily have to be an essay you got a low grade on).
- 6 Your best in-class piece of writing, (selected from reading responses, journal entries, an answer to an essay writing test question, a free writing excerpt, do not include in-class essays unless they were timed), and a one paragraph explanation of why you chose that piece of writing.
- 7 The piece of **writing** that is your best creative work and one paragraph explaining why.
- 8 An assignment which required you to work collaboratively with others, with a one paragraph explanation on the benefits of working with another person.
- 9 A summary of how you feel you have grown as a writer. Have you met your goals for the year?
- 10 Your writing goals for next year.
- 11 A letter from your parent/guardian written to you containing their reactions/reflections about your portfolio.

Other formatting requirements:

- All pages must be numbered, except the cover page. (handwritten numbers are acceptable)
- All reflections must be typed, 12" font, double-spaced.
- Portfolio must be placed in a report cover and all pages must be incorporated.

The portfolio will be graded on three major aspects:

- Completeness (Did you incorporate everything asked for?)
- Neatness (Is it organized, and easy to follow)
- Reflection (Did you make an effort to self assess your improvement over the year, and set meaningful goals for next year.)