

# Final Portfolio Assignments

The following are your final assignments to be completed for the portfolio.

## 1. What is Good Writing?

Write your definition of “good writing.” What makes you like a piece of writing? Dislike it? Consider your favorite and not-so-favorite authors. What kind of voice/style appeals to you? What kind of techniques do you especially admire (symbolism, imagery, suspense, etc.)? Do you like your language to be flowery or short and to the point? Explain. You might discuss your favorite writers and why you like them as well as the kind of writing you don't like.

## 2. Theme

Decide on a theme for your portfolio and explain why you chose it. While your theme should reflect your high school experience in some way, not all of your individual pieces will reflect this theme. Your explanation should be at least a solid paragraph.

**3. Letter from Me to Me** - Write a letter to yourself five years from now. What do you hope to have accomplished? What kind of person do you hope to be? What do you want to be sure you don't forget?

**4. Final Reflection** - This is it- YOUR senior statement. Take some time to REFLECT – it is one of the most important things you can do for yourself in life. Now that you have finished your portfolio, please respond to it. When you have run out of things to say about your writing, is there anything else you would like to say. *A Senior Will? Advice for underclassmen, wishes for tomorrow? People you wish to thank?* This is your final opportunity to reflect on where you have come from and where you hope to go. Remember you will forget many things about the first 17 or 18 years of your life, but good writing lasts forever. ☺

**5. Cover Page/Back Cover** – These should visually reflect your theme through photos, artwork, collage, clipart, etc.

**6. Table of Contents** – List your portfolio assignments in the order in which they appear, including any extra assignments. Decide where you will include your rough drafts (behind the final drafts or a section at the end).

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## Putting it all together:

1. Get a binder or scrapbook, (optional page savers), and design the **front and back covers**.
2. Put your **NAME on the front cover**.
3. Assignments should go in the order of the first side of this sheet.
4. Don't forget to **title all your assignments** and put the assignment name in parentheses beneath it. Example: The Long Road (College Essay).
5. **DO NOT FORGET ROUGH DRAFTS!** [Rough drafts can go in a separate section at the end, or behind each of the final drafts.]
6. Put the attached rubric at the end of your portfolio.