

FINAL PORTFOLIO INSTRUCTIONS

Your Final Portfolio is meant to display how your writing has grown from the beginning of the term up until the end. You should gather together all of your written pieces (paragraphs and essays), along with any prewriting and draft versions, as well as grading rubrics. Including the last piece you worked on, you should have about ten different paragraphs and essays (depending on how many times you've been absent or how many assignments you've missed). Your Final Essay (discussed below) would constitute Number 11.

- In the front of each group of papers (prewriting, drafts, final version, etc.), please put a paragraph or two describing your assessment of that particular piece, as well as what you feel you learned from the process of working through that assignment. Please do not describe the assignment to me (since I'm the one who gave it to you in the first place!). You may type or handwrite this assessment.
- You may arrange your papers from most recent to least recent or the other way around; it's up to you. You may also organize and/or decorate your portfolio however you want. This is the time for you to showcase your work; it's *your* product. And, as such, you will get your portfolio back on the last day of the term.
- The culminating piece of your portfolio is your Final Essay. You should choose from among everything you have written this term one essay that you want to develop and refine into a two-page Final Essay that you feel best represents your writing ability and what you have learned this term. Again, don't forget to include a page that introduces your Final Essay by describing why you have chosen it to represent your work and what you learned during the process of putting it together.
- Needless to say, your Final Essay should be your finest work; it should clearly demonstrate that you have learned all stages of the writing process. It should be prepared according to the Writing Guidelines for this class, at www.marthabianco.com/WR90/Writing_Guidelines_Final.pdf
- Your Final Essay *must* have included along with it the following items:
 - Any prewriting, using one of the graphic organizers at www.marthabianco.com/WR90
 - An outline
 - First draft, with revision marks
 - Revision checklist, available at www.marthabianco.com/WR90/Revision_Checklist.pdf
 - Second draft, with editing marks
 - Editing checklist, available at www.marthabianco.com/WR90/Editing_Checklist.pdf
 - Final Version

(You may end up with more than just two drafts prior to the final version; that's fine, of course!)

- Please arrange your items in a loose-leaf fashion (not stapled) so that they can easily be photocopied. If I choose yours to photocopy as an example of class work, I will delete your name.

You have *two weeks* to prepare your Final Portfolio, so it should be a product that makes you proud! It is due by 3 pm on Friday, Dec. 5 (we have class that day). We will go over it together on Dec. 12, during the time you signed up for.