

Final Portfolio: Revision and Reflection on Your Theory of Writing

What defines my writing process? Tracing your development as a writer

For this final portfolio assignment, consider the trajectory of your writing throughout this semester. **Specifically, you'll revise one previous assignment, based on my feedback and your own reflection on what makes an effective piece of writing.** You'll submit your revised piece for a re-grade (grades can only go up) and include the previous draft with my feedback.

You'll then write a Final Reflection Essay defining your "theory of writing." You may frame your final reflection essay as a letter to me, if that would be helpful. Consider how your writing process has evolved across the genres of writing that you produced, as well as through increased awareness of audience, rhetorical situation, and how authors build credibility using research. Finally, consider transfer: how can a metacognitive understanding of your writing process help you succeed in future writing situations?

Here are some questions that may be helpful to you in the Reflection Essay:

- 1. What did you believe about your own writing process coming into ENG 1121? How has your theory of writing evolved with each assignment?**
- 2. What has contributed to your understanding of the writing process the most?**
- 3. What specific skills or strategies have you developed? To what extent how you found them to be successful in helping you express yourself effectively in writing?**
- 4. What is your theory of writing? How might you apply approaches from this class to other writing situations both inside the classroom and outside the classroom?**

The Final Portfolio is worth 25% of the Course Grade, and includes:

- Final Reflection Essay of 2-4 double-spaced pages, explaining your revision process of the piece you revised and theory of writing as you have understood it this semester**
- At least one substantial Revision of a Previous Assignment from this class:**
Please include the previous draft (or drafts) with my feedback and previous grade. In the final Reflection Essay, explain what revision choices you made and why you made them.

Final Portfolios are due as hard copies turned in during class on Tuesday, May 21st. Since your Portfolio will be used as your Final Exam Grade, late Portfolios will not be accepted after 12:45 p.m. on 5/21.