

Self-Reflective Essay (5% of final portfolio) 2-2.5 pages  
Due with portfolio or with research paper

Address the following elements:

**1. Writing skills level at the beginning of the semester**

*You might do one or more of the following:*

- a. Evaluate your past experience with writing.
- b. Reveal personal perceptions about your own writing as they were the first day of class.
- c. Did you find these perceptions to be true or false during the first few weeks of class?

**2. Progress throughout the semester**

*You might do one or more of the following*

- a. How did your writing change throughout the semester? Consider providing specific examples.
- b. Discuss your best qualities as a writer. How did you work to develop these abilities?
- c. What essay are you most proud of? Why?

**3. Current writing skills level**

*You might do one or more of the following*

- a. Where is your writing NOW?
- b. Discuss qualities that you still need to work on. How are you addressing these issues?

**Techniques to consider:**

- Use chronological order
- Work backwards
- Use quotes from your writing if applicable
- Analyze your own thought process