

English 908 / Reflective Essay for Portfolio / Due: May 16

Paper Topic: Compose an essay that reflects your writing progress in this class. In the introduction, tell your readers what you think they should know about you and your writing history. For example, you could say, "I came to this country _____ years ago from _____ and I started learning English once I arrived in the United States" or "I've been out of school for ___ years and am just now returning" or I would like to go on to become a writer." Make sure your thesis lists your key points about your growth as a writer.

In each body paragraph, you need to use examples from your writing to show what you have learned. This is crucial to the success of your Reflective Paper. The more specific you can be about your own writing, the better.

Look at all of the in and out-of-class essays that you wrote this semester and look at the types of errors that you made most often.

Final Paper Guidelines:

Typed

Double-spaced

2-3 *full* pages or more

Title (Be creative)

MLA format

Place your thesis statement at the end of your introduction

Staple your sheets together / Use first person pronoun "I"

Possible Topics for your body paragraphs: Choose 3 topics

Thesis Statements

Topic Sentences

Narrative Essay Pattern

Cause & Effect Essay Pattern

Introductions / conclusions

Using specific details

Using direct quotations

Responding to articles: Reading Journal Entries

Using sources in the Research Paper

Grammar / punctuation / transitions

***Conclusion:**

Discuss what you hope to learn in English 1A or why you feel prepared for English 1A.

Grading Criteria: This assignment is part of your Portfolio and will be evaluated using the Portfolio Rubric. This is a mandatory assignment and must be submitted for your Portfolio to be complete.