

## **Malden High School Senior Portfolio Assignment**

All Malden High School seniors must complete a portfolio of their year's work in English 12. Students who do not meet the 87 or above exemption must present their portfolio to their class on the day of the final exam.

The purpose of the portfolio is for students to reflect on their growth as writers over the course of their senior year and to select a piece for final revision.

The portfolio must contain the following:

- A reflection paper: a personal essay in which the student gives an overall assessment of his/her growth and improvement as a reader and a writer over the year and evaluates his/her strengths and weaknesses. Students must use evidence from all of the papers included in the portfolio to support their claims about their work.
- Portfolios must include the following samples of work:
  - A sample of personal or creative work: memoirs, college essays, poetry, short stories, drama, scripts prepared for performance all satisfy this requirement.
  - A sample of work involving research: any work supported by research, including essays and projects, satisfies this requirement.
  - A notebook entry on any text: students should type up a single entry from their notebooks.
  - A literary analysis: both on-demand and revised writing satisfy this requirement.
- A revision of one of the samples, which will include a short (1/2 page) explanation of the student's revision choices.

All students will be graded on the following aspects of the portfolio:

1. The Reflection Essay(50 %)
2. The complete preparation of the portfolio(25%)
3. The revision (25%)

Students who do not meet the senior exemption requirement must prepare a portfolio presentation. In this five minute presentation, students should do the following:

- Introduce themselves and give an overall evaluation of their work this year.
- Explain each of the samples that they chose to include in the portfolio (what they are and why they were chosen)
- Read one or two of the best moments in each of the samples.
- Explain what they focused on in their revision.

Students should prepare this presentation on notecards and will be evaluated on their preparation and performance for a final grade.