

DESCRIPTIVE PORTRAIT PORTFOLIO

- You are going to be writing a descriptive portrait of someone in your life. You can describe a parent, sibling, relative, neighbor, teacher or friend. You CAN NOT describe an animal or yourself.
- This is NOT a biography. Do not include information about when the person was born and dates of things they did. Instead, use descriptive words to “paint a portrait” or describe a “colorful snapshot” of the person at a moment in time. Use descriptive, sensory imagery and techniques like similes and metaphors to enhance the verbal picture. Any “I” statements about yourself should be in the short introduction and short conclusion.
- Three Parts to the Essay
 - Introduction: Introduce the person and explain your relationship to the person
 - Body: Describe the person’s appearance, mannerisms, personality, clothing, and typical things the person says and does. (nothing about you in this section)
 - Conclusion: Explain the person’s impact on you and others.
- Requirements
 - MLA format (MLA heading, 12 point font, double spaced, Arial/Times New Roman) **(3 pts)**
 - Unique Title **(1 pt)**
 - 3-5 paragraphs **(4 pts)**
 - Includes all three parts of the essay **(4 pts)**
 - **Includes 4 examples of descriptive language including imagery and figurative language. You must highlight these 4 examples and label them. (8 pts)**
 - Example: **My mother’s straight strawberry blonde hair always smells of cucumber mint.** It’s the scent of her favorite shampoo. **This scent is like home to me.** If I close my eye, I can smell her and it brings an overwhelming sense of calmness. **My mother is home to me.**
 - Imagery**
 - Simile**
 - Metaphor**
 - Conventions/Techniques **(4 pts)**
- If you have any questions, please contact me.

