

## Reflective Essay

**In order to submit your portfolio you must first meet all the other the requirements established by your ESL 273 instructor for successful completion of the class.**

**Content:** Write a brief essay, of two-three pages, to reflect on your progress in ESL 273, and to argue why your writing demonstrates your ability to go on to the next level. This essay will go in the front of your portfolio, serving as an introduction to your work for the teachers evaluating the portfolio.

Prior to writing, look over all the work you've done for the class. Then, reflecting on your ESL 273 work, consider why you chose the essays you are including in your portfolio and how they demonstrate your advanced academic writing ability. Plan to refer to specific examples from your portfolio essays to show how your writing has improved.

- Discuss what you have learned in ESL 273. This might include practice in organization, analysis, development, specific examples, construction of better sentences, peer review, proofreading, writing process, and so on.
- Include how your writing has changed or improved as a result of what you have learned in this class. Remember to provide specific evidence for your claims.
- Evaluate what still needs improvement. Make sure to write about what you'd still like to work on with your writing. Remember that all of us, teachers included, are still trying to be better writers, so what are you going to focus on next in the next level and beyond?

**Audience:** De Anza ESL teachers

**What we're looking for in the reflective essay:**

- Analysis of your own writing process and evaluation of your strengths and weakness as a writer
- Clear organization
- Well-developed, focused paragraphs
- Specific examples, details
- Well-constructed sentences
- Correct grammar and punctuation

**Form:** typed, double-spaced

**Draft for Peer Review, Due:**

**This essay is due as part of your portfolio on**

If the Portfolio readers determine that the reflective essay is not representative of the writing of the other work in the portfolio, especially of the in-class writing, the portfolio will receive an automatic no pass (NP).