

# 7th grade Writing Portfolio Project

**Assignment:** To create a writing portfolio that can serve as a keepsake album

## REQUIREMENTS:

- All projects must be typed or neatly written in pen. **NO PENCIL!**
- The entire project must be in a 3-ring binder, a folder with brads to hold pages, scrapbook (full page size) or any other type of notebook that can hold pages. You may use plastic page protectors for the contents of this assignment.
- You must use your own supplies to complete this project.
- You need to proofread your work for spelling and grammar errors to prevent losing points.

## All projects must include the following items:

- **A table of contents that includes page numbers (Do this last!)**
- **Pictures of family members**  
You must have at least five separate pictures. Each picture **must be** labeled with the name of the person and his or her relationship to you. One picture can include a family pet.
- **7<sup>th</sup> grade Time Capsule of memories** (starting in the summer after 6<sup>th</sup> grade) This can be written in a DETAILED timeline, a paragraph, etc. Include approximate dates. In addition, you can use pictures, certificates, ribbons, keepsake items (greeting cards, ribbons, ticket stubs, etc.) etc. **(You must have at least 10 items, and be specific as to why you are including this memory.)** You should have *at least* 2 sentences per a memory to receive full credit.
- **Words of Wisdom from five adults**  
You must include his or her **name** and his or her **relationship** to you, words of wisdom written in his or her own **handwriting**, and his or her **signature**. Think of this as a letter, not necessarily just them giving you a quote.
- Signs of the Times—What are some of the local (this can be within North Carolina), national, and world events that are influencing you now? **You must have a copy of at least 1 article for each of the three categories.** Each article will have a one paragraph summary of your thoughts and reactions to the article/event.
- List of ten **different** current prices (gas, ipod, shoes, school lunch, gallon of milk, concert ticket, etc). You can pick the 10 items, but be **specific** (brand, location, etc).
- Three class samples will need to be included. These can be writing samples from any subject during your seventh grade year. Pick projects that you are proud of and excited for.
- You will also need to do **six** mini-projects chosen from the following pages.

## LIST OF POSSIBLE MINI-PROJECTS

All portfolios must contain at least **2 mini projects from Part A** and **4 mini projects from Part B**. You can always do more!

Part A Pick 2		
<p>1. An <b>original (that means written by you)</b> poem about a family member with at least 10 lines. This needs to include some type of figurative language.</p>	<p>2. An interview with an elderly family member that includes <b>ten</b> questions. Example: What was your favorite type of music when you were in junior high? Where did you grow up? What kinds of things did you and your friends do for fun? You should be writing the answers to the questions. <b>You must include a paragraph</b> that introduces the person you are interviewing. This introduction should give an explanation of your relationship to that person and tell why you chose to interview him or her for your portfolio.</p>	<p>3. Write about your dream car. This will require research. <b>Explain</b> the specifics of the car, <b>how</b> it is different from other cars, and <b>why</b> it is your dream car over any other car in the world. Include a picture or detailed drawing of the car. (Note: if you get the picture from an outside source, be sure to give credit to the photographer). At least two paragraphs need to be included with the picture, and information should be in your own words.</p>
<p>4. Create a detailed and colored drawing of what you want your future to hold. It can include more than one idea. <b>Write a paragraph explaining what the picture means.</b></p>	<p>5. A list of ten of your favorite things <b>and</b> ten of your least favorite things. (song, food, color, teacher (favorite only!), subject, etc.) BE NICE! You must have categories for each thing. Example: Category—Food (Pizza)</p>	<p>6. Include three family recipes. After each recipe, tell whose recipe it is and <b>give a written explanation about why you chose the recipe</b>. These should be at least 3-4 sentences each <i>per a recipe</i>. Simply writing, "It's good!" is not acceptable. Pictures can be included, but not required.</p>

For this project, a paragraph is a minimum of 5 sentences.

All of these **MUST** be in your **OWN** words. Do not copy any parts from anywhere.

Part B  
Pick 4

<p>1. Pick <b>two</b> of your favorite books read during 7<sup>th</sup> grade. <b>List the title, author, and a review of the books.</b> You should have one paragraph with a <u>summary</u> and one paragraph of your <u>recommendation</u> to others for EACH of the books. Include the pictures or drawings of the book cover.</p>	<p>2. Write a letter to your future grandchildren. This must be in letter format and should be <b>at least three paragraphs.</b> <u>Don't</u> spend a paragraph asking questions. Tell them about what life is like now in 2018-2019.</p>
<p>3. Name and describe three friends who you value the most. (You can describe more than three if you wish.) Write at least one paragraph about each friend (BE SPECIFIC), and <b>include a picture of each friend.</b></p>	<p>4. Write about <b>three</b> adult leaders (from school, organizations, clubs, neighborhood, etc.) who have influenced your life and been important in your life journey thus far. (You cannot use your parents.) You must have at least <b>one paragraph for each adult.</b> (Pictures are nice too!)</p>
<p>5. When I grow up I want to be...Research and write about what career you want when you are older. What will need to be done for you to obtain this career? Why do you want this job? (<b>At least three paragraphs</b>). DO NOT copy and paste from a website. This is in your OWN words.</p>	<p>6. Write about three people that you would enjoy spending time with if given the opportunity. (These should be people that you would not normally get to spend time with. Examples: movie stars, musicians, characters, religious leaders, famous people in history, etc.) Make sure to thoroughly explain why you would want to spend time with each one. <b>Write a paragraph for each one.</b></p>
<p>7. A description of a family celebration or religious ceremony, and what it means to you. (At least 3 paragraphs)</p>	<p>8. A memorial page for a deceased family member. <b>Include at least 3 paragraphs about that family member.</b> Ideas for the essay could include your relationship to this person, how he/she died, and a brief bit of information about why you chose that person.</p>
<p>9. Write <b>2</b> movie reviews from movies that you saw this school year. Each movie review should be 2 paragraphs, <b>one summary, and one with your thoughts.</b> Include the title and picture of the movie cover. (4 paragraphs total)</p>	<p>10. Write about a dream vacation that you would like to take one day. Where is it, why do you want to visit, what are some things you would like to see or do there? This should be at least 3 paragraphs.</p>
<p>11. Write a five-paragraph essay about your experience as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. This should include summaries from all 4 quarters.</p>	<p>12. Your choice (with permission from Mrs. West).</p>

# Writing Portfolio Project Rubric

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment	Requirements All projects <b>MUST</b> be typed or written in pen. <b>NO PENCIL!</b> Projects must be in the order of the rubric!	Score
<b>Family Photographs</b>	Each of the 5 pictures is labeled with a name and your relationship to the person in the picture.	5
<b>Words of Wisdom</b>	Each of the 5 entries has your relationship to that person, his/her words of wisdom, and his/her signature,	10
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Time Capsule</b>	10 Memories are in a complete and orderly manner and are typed or written in pen.	20
<b>List of current prices</b>	10 items are neatly written in ink or typed.	5
<b>Class Sample</b>		5
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<b>Signs of Times</b>	Includes LOCAL article with 1 paragraph reflection	10
<b>Signs of Times</b>	Includes NATIONAL article with 1 paragraph reflection	10
<b>Signs of Times</b>	Includes WORLD article with 1 paragraph reflection	10
<b>Mini Project A</b>	Directions for project are followed.	20
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<b>Mini Project A</b>	Directions for project are followed.	20
List Project name and number		
<b>Mini Project B</b>	Directions for project are followed.	20
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<b>Mini Project B</b>	Directions for project are followed.	20
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<b>Neatness</b>	Overall appearance is neat. It is evident that a lot of time and care was put into this project.	10
<b>Promise</b>	Student promises to keep this scrapbook forever.	10
		<b>/220</b>

**May 3, 2019—portfolio finished and turned in!**