

## Reflective Essay

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**Content:** Write an essay of at least two pages (500 words) to look back on your progress in writing this quarter and explain why you are ready to go to EWRT1A. This goes in the front of your portfolio, as an introduction to your work for the teachers evaluating the portfolio.

Review all the work you've done for the class. Consider why you chose the essays in your portfolio and how they show your readiness for EWRT1A. Give specific examples from these essays to show your improvements.

- ✎ Discuss what you have learned in LART 211 or EWRT 211. This might include practice in organization, analysis, development, vivid examples, construction of better sentences, proofreading, writing process, and so on. You also may include learning from EWRT 212 or Readiness classes.
- ✎ Include how your writing has changed as a result of what you have learned in this class. Remember to provide specific evidence for your claims.
- ✎ What still needs improvement? Write about what you'd still like to work on with your writing. Remember that all of us are still trying to be better writers, so what are you going to focus on in 1A and beyond?

**Audience:** De Anza English teachers

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

- ✎ Clear organization
- ✎ Well-developed, focused paragraphs
- ✎ Specific examples, details
- ✎ Well-constructed sentences
- ✎ Correct grammar and punctuation
- ✎ **Form:** typed, double-spaced
- ✎ **Due:** This essay is due as part of your portfolio on \_\_\_\_\_.