**7th grade Writing Portfolio Project Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# **Assignment: To create a writing portfolio that can serve as a keepsake album. This is an exercise in direction following, time management, writing and creativity… all important life skills!**

**REQUIREMENTS:**

* All projects must be typed or neatly written in pen. **NO PENCIL!**
* While in progress, you will keep all pieces of the project in a manila folder at school.
* When finished, the entire project must be in a 3-ring binder **OR** a folder with brads to hold pages **OR** afull sizedscrapbook **OR** any other type of notebook that can hold pages.
  + Use plastic page protectors for the contents of this assignment.
* You must use your own supplies to complete this project.
* **Final project, typed, bound and ready to turn in May 9.**

**TIMELINE:** In order to help you manage your time on this project, you will need to turn in certain parts **on or before** the assigned deadline. This is an on-going project, and is not meant to be done all at once. When you are ready to turn in an item, show Mrs. Rehm and have her initial below.

Keep your items in your manila folder in the classroom file cabinet!

* **Due on or before November 10:** 
  + - * + 2 items for time capsule
        + 2 Words of Wisdom from two adults
        + 1 News article and summary (local news)
        + 1 EEL entry
        + 1 Mini Project
* **Due on or before December 20:** 
  + - * + 2 items for time capsule
        + 1 “Words of Wisdom” from an adult
        + 1 News article and summary (national (USA) news)
        + 1 EEL entry
        + 1 Mini Project
* **Due on or before February 8:** 
  + - * + 1 News article and summary (world news)
        + 1 EEL entry
        + 2 Mini Projects
        + Pictures of family (all 5)

**Ok… I’ve helped you keep track so far, now it’s your turn. Figure out what you have left to collect and complete, and write your timeline between now and May 9:**

**Required Project Components**

* **A table of contents that includes page numbers (Do this last!)**
* **Pictures of family members: you must have at least five 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(s).
* **7th grade 2-D Time Capsule of Memories** (starting in the summer after 6th grade) 2D means two-dimensional or flat. So you can use pictures, certificates, keepsake items (greeting cards, notes from friends, ribbons, ticket stubs, clothes tags, boarding passes…) etc. Each item needs to be glued or taped, and there should be a brief description of what the item is, like you’d find in a museum exhibit. **You must have at least 10 items in the time capsule section of your portfolio. Feel free to glue 2-5 items per page if they fit.**
* **Words of Wisdom from Five Adults**

You must include his or her **name** and his or her **relationship** to you, the words of wisdom they gave you (preferably written in his or her own handwriting),and his or her **signature. If your person is far away, you can have your parents sign for that person.**

* **Signs of the Times**: **News Articles**

What are some of the local, national, and world events that are influencing you now? **You must have 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.

* **Signs of the Times: Prices**

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.

* **Look How Awesome I Am**

Three graded assignments from ANY class. Pick three projects or tests you are proud of.

* **A Glimpse Inside Your EEL**

Three EEL entries that you have “polished.” Choose three that best represent your writing skills and storytelling abilities.

* You will also need to do **six** mini-projects chosen from the following pages.

#### LIST OF MINI-PROJECTS

All portfolios must contain **2 mini projects from Part A and 4 mini projects from Part B.**

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| **Part A**: **Pick 2** | | |
| 1. An **original (that means written by you)** poem about a family member with at least 10 lines that contains figurative language of some sort (metaphor, simile etc). | 1. An interview with an elderly family member that includes ten 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? **Prior to the interview write-up, you must include a paragraph 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.** | 1. Write about your dream car. This will require research. **Explain** the specifics of the car, **how** it is different from other cars, and **why** 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. |
| 1. Create a detailed drawing of what you want your future to hold. It can include more than one idea. **Write a paragraph explaining what the picture means.** | 1. A list of ten of your favorite things (not people) **and** ten of your least favorite things (not people). (song, food, color, subject, etc.) You must have categories for each thing. Example: Category—Food (Pizza) | 1. Include three family recipes. After each recipe, tell whose recipe it is and **give a written explanation about** **why you chose the recipe**. These should be a few sentences each per a recipe. Simply writing, “It’s good!” is not acceptable. Pictures are good too. |

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| **Part B**: **Pick 4** | |
| 1. Pick **two** of your favorite books read during 7th grade. **List the title, author, and a review of the books.** You should have one paragraph with a summary and one paragraph of your recommendation to others for EACH of the books. Include the pictures or drawings of the book cover. | 1. Write a letter to your future grandchildren. This must be in letter format and should be **at least three paragraphs.** Don’t spend a paragraph asking questions. Tell them about what life is like now in 2016-2017 |
| 1. 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 **include a picture of each friend.** | 1. Write about **three** adult leaders (from school, church, 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 **one paragraph for each adult.**  (Pictures are nice too!) |
| 1. 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? (**At least three paragraphs).** DO NOT copy and paste from a website. This is in your OWN words. | 1. 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. **Write a paragraph for each one.** |
| 1. A description of a family celebration or religious ceremony, and what it means to you. (At least three paragraphs) | 1. Write a letter to a special family member. This should be in letter format and should be at least three paragraphs. |
| 1. A memorial page for a deceased family member**. Include a three-paragraph essay about that family member.** 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. | 1. Write **2** movie reviews from movies that you saw this school year. Each movie review should be 2 paragraphs**, one summary, and one with your thoughts**. Include the title and picture of the movie cover. (4 paragraphs total) |
| 1. Write a journal entry from a trip you took with your family in the last year. It can cover one day of the trip, or it can be a summary of the whole vacation! | 1. Your choice (with permission from Mrs. Rehm). |

**Writing Portfolio Project Rubric**

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

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| Assignment | Requirements **All projects MUST be typed or written in pen.**  **NO PENCIL!**  **Projects must be in the order of the rubric.** | Score |
| **Table of Contents** | Table of Contents is complete and typed or in pen. Page numbers are listed for each project. | 10 |
| **Family Photographs** | Each of the 5 pictures is labeled with a name and your relationship to the person in the picture. | 5 |
| **Words of Wisdom** | Each of the 5 entries has your relationship to that person, his/her words of wisdom, and his/her signature, | 5 |
| **7th Grade**  **Time Capsule** | 10 Memories are in a complete and orderly manner and are typed or written in pen. | 10 |
| **List of current prices** | 10 items are neatly written in ink or typed. | 5 |
| **EEL Entry 1** | Directions for EEL are followed. | 5 |
| **EEL Entry 2** | Directions for EEL are followed. | 5 |
| **EEL Entry 3** | Directions for EEL are followed. | 5 |
| **Signs of Times** | Includes LOCAL article with 1 paragraph reflection | 10 |
| **Signs of Times** | Includes NATIONAL article with 1 paragraph reflection | 10 |
| **Signs of Times** | Includes WORLD article with 1 paragraph reflection | 10 |
| **Mini Project A** | Directions for project are followed. | 20 |
| List Project name and number | |
| **Mini Project A** | Directions for project are followed. | 20 |
| List Project name and number | |
| **Mini Project B** | Directions for project are followed. | 20 |
| List Project name and number | |
| **Mini Project B** | Directions for project are followed. | 20 |
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| List Project name and number | |
| **Neatness** | Overall appearance is neat. It is evident that a lot of time and care was put into this project. | 10 |
| **Promise** | Student promises to keep this scrapbook forever. | 10 |
| **TOTAL:** | | **/220** |

**May 9 —portfolio finished and turned in!**

10 Current Prices

2016 – 2017

**(These are just ideas. You can make up your own list.)**

1. Gallon of gas $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. School lunch $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Pair of tennis shoes

Brand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Gallon of milk $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Concert Ticket\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Stamp $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Bag of M&M’s $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. Pair of jeans

Brand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Video Game $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. Song in iTunes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_