

Rhetorical Studies Multi-genre Project

The reflective multi-genre reflective essay is not the dumping of all four genres into a folder. You are writing an essay—a unified, clear, concise, purpose-driven, focused, well-written expression of what you've learned.

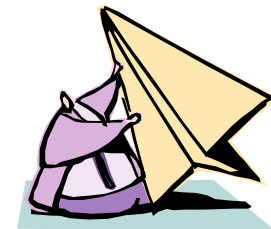


The essay consists of the following items:

- Exposition
- Creative Non-fiction
- Poetry
- Visual

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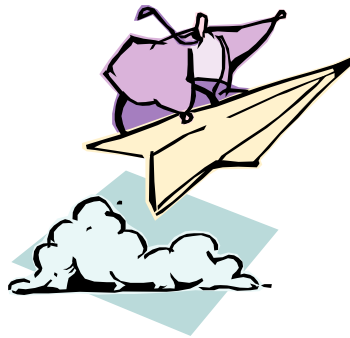
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The culmination project for Rhetorical Studies is the multi-genre research reflective essay. Writing is not one thing; it is many. This project testifies to and validates this diversity by enabling you to recognize and nourish the full range of your writing. This multi-genre essay helps us see the complexity of writing and learning, synthesize multiple skills and processes manifested in a variety of ways and in a variety of forms for a variety of purposes. And most beneficial of all, this essay integrates learning, reading, writing, and critical thinking in practical, theoretical, and productive ways.



Reflective Multi-Genre Essay

Stephen Dunn has said that just because something has happened to him doesn't mean that he should write about it. However, Isaac Bashevis Singer claims that he is the only one who can tell his story. The reflective essay is an opportunity for you to tell your own story in your own way.



Reflective Topics

The reflective essay should answer one of three questions:

1. What have I learned about (my) writing?
2. What have I learned about (my) reading?
3. What have I learned about (my) making meaning?

Reflective Genres

The reflective essay should integrate the following four genres:

Exposition. The academic informational base of the reflective essay is your exposition. You may use articles from professional journals or from the books' chapters. Please use accurate MLA documentation.

Creative Non-fiction. The personal base of the reflective essay is what you bring to the essay. This genre may include prose, poetry, flash fiction, or personal narrative.

Poetry. The "literary" genre of the reflective essay is a poem you integrate with your response. The poem may be original or quoted.

Visual. The visual genre of the reflective essay is any visual to communicate any aspect of your response.