

## Senior Capstone Portfolio Description of Home Requirement

Excerpted from Senior Capstone Portfolio:

Description of Your Home – (one or two pages, single-spaced) This may be the place you call home now or a place from your past that you consider home. Try to capture the essence of what you think of as home; think of the connotation of the word “home” as you write. An actual photograph of your home must accompany your writing when you submit the final copy of this essay in your capstone.

The inclusion of an essay in which you provide a description of your home is a required portion of your senior capstone portfolio. While it is important that your readers have some sense of the physical nature of your home (ex: its location, what it looks like, etc.), it is more important that you communicate what makes your home, “home.” To communicate the “home” sentiment to your readers, you will want to consider adding discussion about aspects such as the people in your home, your pets, special memories, holidays and holiday preparations, aromas that you associate with your home, the “feel” of your home, your favorite places in your home, etc.

In order to write an effective essay, you should take the following steps:

- ★ Brainstorm or freewrite to collect your thoughts and generate ideas to include in your writing.
- ★ Create an outline or another type of organizer to help you plan your introduction, what you will address in each paragraph of your writing, and your conclusion. Include transitions that will move your writing smoothly from one topic to the next.
- ★ Write a first draft.
- ★ Move through the revising and editing process multiple times. Be certain that your essay flows nicely, communicates what you intend to say about your home, and uses good, strong voice. Also, be sure to check your paragraph for mechanics, usage and grammar issues since these issues will be considered as a portion of your final grade.
- ★ Unless your essay is something you’d rather not share with others, it would be wise to have someone peer edit for you. (A second set of eyes looking at a paper and offering input is almost always beneficial!)

When you are ready to submit your description of home essay requirement, be sure to include your name on the document, then forward the document to Mrs. Ferrell via Google Docs. **Remember, you will need to resubmit the description of your home requirement and all other capstone requirements toward the end of the year as a completed senior capstone portfolio.**

**Description of Home point value = 50 points**

**Due date: Your essay’s due date is Friday, December 15, 2017. You must submit via Google Docs prior to midnight on that day.**