

IIELA Portfolio Requirements:

The portfolio requires 5 essays with at least three drafts...the first draft must be handwritten and include the date it was written. No marks allowed on the page. If someone is helping you write the essay that is fine, but make sure they do not write on it!

Essay #1: Choose a piece of fiction you have read. Create a thesis statement that reflects some event, theme, or conflict in the story and write an essay based on that thesis statement. Make sure you do not just write a summary of the story.

Essay #2: Choose a piece of non-fiction that you have read and repeat the same thing as essay #1.

Essay #3: Choose either a play or a poem you have read and do the same thing you did with essays 1 and 2. The only difference is that if you choose to write about a poem, you can write more of an analysis about the poem.

Essay #4: You can write a personal, reflective, or persuasive essay. It can be about anything you want it to be as long as it is about you or your own opinion about something.

Essay #5: A literary theme. Choose a piece of fiction that you have read. Think about a theme that is important to the story. Then connect that theme to your own life. For example: a theme in literature is independence, in a story you have read explain the importance of the theme, then tell how the theme connects to your life.