Reflective writing is one of the most essential aspects of the ePortfolio, but it is also one of the most difficult to begin. It is important that a reflection not only provides a summary of your artifact, but also reveals its overall purpose, making connections to your ePortfolio as a whole. Sometimes the hardest part of this is taking all of the ideas and statements in your head and turning them into complete thoughts. Try answering these guiding questions in complete sentences in order to help you create a draft of the reflective writing for one (or more) of your artifacts.

SELECT

Select an artifact you wish to reflect upon, and list it below.

SUMMARIZE

Provide a summary of the skill or experience that the artifact represents. For example, if it was an internship, explain when you completed the internship, what your daily duties were, where it took place, etc.

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REFLECT

Reflect upon the artifact, thinking more deeply about why it matters, what you gained from it, what challenges you faced, etc. (See the "SO WHAT" and "NOW WHAT" sections of the "Reflective Writing" handout for more guiding questions.)

CONNECT

Think about how this artifact connects to your ePortfolio as a whole. Does it demonstrate the same abilities or interests as another artifact? How does it connect to the theme or message of your website? How does it connect to your future plans or goals?

