

**Final Portfolio**  
**Creative Writing**  
**Everson**

So, here we are at the end. And I have one remaining thing to tell you all:

*Revise, revise, revise.*

Revision is one of the most important parts of the writing process — and one of the most overlooked as well. The purpose of the portfolio is to revise your body of work from the entire semester and turning it into a polished, complete portfolio. As I've been saying all along, the portfolio is your final.

I am looking for development, progress, and improvement. Your poetry, creative non-fiction, and story must be better than the original versions you turned in for workshop. I strongly discourage including un-workshopped poems or stories in your portfolio, but if you must do so, I insist on seeing a draft version by the end of this week. In addition, your portfolio must:

- be typed (12 point, Times or Times New Roman, 1 margins all around)
- be edited — **zero** spelling/grammar/typography errors
  - if you think a creative choice in any work could be misconstrued as a typo or mistake, please include a note at the end of the piece
- include 3-5 pages of poems
  - all poems must be titled
  - poems should show some use of imagery, figurative language, and/or poetry “sounds” (rhyme, rhythm, etc.)
  - poems must be single spaced
  - a single poem must take up more than half the page vertically to “fill” a single page
  - it will take about 3 short poems (cinquains, haikus, etc.) to fill a single page
- include 2-3 pages of creative non-fiction
  - non-fiction should be double-spaced
  - non-fiction should use compelling dialogue
  - non-fiction should have a good story to tell
  - non-fiction should have a discernable theme
- include 7-20 pages of short fiction
  - fiction should be titled
  - fiction should be double-spaced
  - fiction should use compelling dialogue
  - fiction should exhibit character and plot development

The portfolio itself will be worth **100 summative points** and is due at the end of your class's exam period. An unexcused absence on this day will cause the forfeiture of all portfolio points, which will almost definitely result in a failure of the class.