**Writing Response Groups Portfolio Assignment**

Due 1/15/13 (periods 1-3) and 1/16/13 (periods 4-6)

Step 1: Gather all your writing response group pieces that you have revised (you should have copies of each draft). This could be one writing piece that has been revised at least once, or more than one piece of writing that has been revised.

Step 2: Label the drafts (draft 1, draft 2, final draft etc.)

Step 3: Type up the reflective letter below and staple this entire packet together (the letter should be on the top).

 **The Reflective Letter**

Your purpose in writing to me is to guide me in reading your portfolio and to answer any questions I might have about your writing.

Questions to respond to:

* What is your writing in this portfolio about? What is important about these pieces to you?
* In what ways do these writings represent your accomplishments? In what ways did you stretch yourself in these writing pieces? What is new for you in these writing pieces?
* What should I notice in your writing?
* How has each writing piece in this portfolio evolved since starting it? Describe your revision process.
* How did your writing response group help in this revision process?
* What do your writing pieces reveal about the challenges that you face as a writer? Where are you still stuck or struggling?
* What have you liked about writing response groups?
* What have you disliked about writing response groups?
* Do you feel your writing has improved as a result of writing response groups?

Remember that good writers anticipate and respond to their readers' questions. Think about whether your writing might raise different questions from the ones I've listed: what else do you think I would want to know about your writing pieces? And what else do you want me to know?

 Your reflective letter should be 1-2 pages long--substantive and thoughtful, typed and in MLA format. I look forward to reading it.

**Rubric for WRG Portfolio:**

4: Portfolio is organized and includes at least one significant piece of writing (with drafts) that represents who you are as a writer. Reflective letter answers all questions thoroughly and thoughtfully, it is typed in MLA format with little to no errors in composition.

3.5: Reflective letter may have errors and/or not include thoughtful/thorough writing.

3: Reflective letter has errors and/or it does not answer every question; also, there is a lack of thorough/thoughtful writing in either the letter or the writing piece. The drafts may be lacking thoughtful revision.

2: The drafts of writing showcased do not show thoughtful revision and the reflective writing contains significant errors and many questions are missing.

1: The portfolio shows no organization, and many questions are missing in the reflective letter. The writing chosen for the portfolio does not represent your best work and there are little to no revisions included.