

## Portfolio Project Reflective Writing

In addition to describing your skills, experiences, and knowledge, your portfolio may also include reflective writing. Reflective writing allows you to articulate why an experience is important, what you learned during the process, and how you plan to apply your skills to future projects or endeavors. The questions below will help you incorporate key components of reflective writing. As you craft your reflective writing, try to answer at least one question from each category.

WHAT?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What context/background information is important?</li><li>○ What happened? What did you do? What were the results?</li></ul>
SO WHAT?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Why does this skill, experience, or knowledge matter? What insights did you gain?</li><li>○ How does this relate to your education? Career aspirations? Personal interests?</li><li>○ What did you learn about yourself? Your goals, values, or perceptions? Your environment, subject matter, or community?</li><li>○ How does this connect to other skills, experiences, or knowledge?</li><li>○ What knowledge or skills did you use or acquire?</li><li>○ What challenges did you encounter? How did you overcome them? What part are you most proud of? Why?</li><li>○ What would you do differently in the future?</li><li>○ How was your experience different from what you anticipated or expected?</li></ul>
NOW WHAT?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How might you use this skill, experience, or knowledge in future projects or endeavours?</li><li>○ How will this influence the way you approach future projects or endeavours?</li><li>○ What will change as a result of this?</li><li>○ What would you like to learn more about?</li></ul>

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