

## Artifact Description Essay

In one to two pages, include the four elements below in a separate paragraph for each. Your tone should be thoughtful, reflective, and analytical and include the following types of phrases: “I realized...”, “I learned...”, “I have decided to...”

### **a. Describe the artifact.**

What was the purpose of the assignment? Who was the teacher/director? With whom did you work? How long did it take? Under what kinds of circumstances did you complete the project? What type of project was this?

### **b. Explain why this artifact is important to either your academic focus, community service, special interest area, or career/college area idea development.**

How or why does this artifact represent your best learning experience? What does this piece of work say about you, your capabilities, dreams and talents? What impression will this work have upon the individuals viewing your portfolio? What connection does this artifact have to the other artifacts from your focus area or special interest area?

### **c. Explain how the artifact matches the ESLR you selected.**

Select only ONE of the ESLRs and explain how your artifact best exemplifies this artifact. How does your artifact show you possess the necessary habits of mind that the ESLR demonstrates? How does your work justify and reflect the ESLR? Refer directly to as many points of the ESLR as possible (i.e. 1.4, 1.3, 1.6).

*See the example below:*

My US History research project about the Progressives proves that I can (1.1) create an intellectual and artistic product. My project was well-researched and was creatively packaged with photos and charts. This project also demonstrated that I have (1.3) a strong work ethic since I spent a great deal of extra time outside of class working on it and submitted it on time. In addition, completing this project showed that I can (1.6) have job and life skills because I learned how to write a resume for the subject of my project, which helped me improve my own resume, and I also had to interview others for this project, and interviewing skills will be important to my own job and career search.

### **d. Explain why this artifact is important to you and your future.**

What meaning does the artifact have to your personal, academic, or social development? How do you plan to apply what you have learned in this artifact to your life’s next project? Why and how is it relevant to your future? How does this artifact connect to the theme of your portfolio?