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21W.730-4 Writing on Contemporary Issues: Food for Thought:  
Writing and Reading about the Cultures of Food  
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## Portfolios

At our final class meeting I'll collect all your work in a portfolio, including drafts, vocabulary lists, quizzes and homework writing. Your portfolio will also include a cover letter.

### What, Why and How

In a simple 2-pocket folder, please arrange your drafts and cover sheets as follows:

- In the left-hand pocket, please put your homework such as your letter to me, any in-class writing you did, including Quizzes, and your Vocabulary list.
- In the right-hand pocket, put drafts of essays with Portfolio Cover Letter on top. Include the version of each draft that was marked by me along with cover sheets. Put newest drafts on top. If you did more than three drafts, just include the first draft and the final two drafts—with their cover sheets.
- Cover Sheets for Re-Revisions and the Revision of Essay 4 are posted on Stellar.

**\*\*\* Do NOT print out clean drafts of essays—I want the ones that are marked up.**

### Cover Letter

The purpose of the Portfolio is to give you and me an opportunity to reflect on your work this term. To aid in this reflection, please address the following questions in your cover letter, which should be about 1-1/2 pages:

- What has changed in your writing and/or your approach to writing this term? Has anything changed in your reading practice?
- Which essay assignment stretched you the most? Explain.
- Which of your essays do you like best? Explain
- Anything else you want to comment on regarding your writing? (You will have an opportunity to comment on the course itself elsewhere.)

### When and Where

Portfolios are due either at our last class meeting, or in my office no later than 5:00 Wednesday 12/10.

I will respond to your letters, and will leave Portfolios with letters to be picked up outside my office Monday December 15 around noon. I will e-mail you when they are ready to be picked up.