

8th Grade Capstone Digital Portfolio Project Rubric

Student Name: _____

Criteria	Level 1 -5pts (Needs Improvement)	Level 2- 8pts (Proficient)	Level 3-10pts (Exemplary)
Title	Title is missing, unclear, or unrelated to the capstone project	Title is clear and descriptive, reflecting the project's theme	Title is exceptionally clear, precisely capturing the project's essence and purpose
Topic	Topic is not defined, is poorly defined or unrelated to the final product	Topic is clearly defined and closely relates to the final product	Topic is thoroughly defined, demonstrating deep understanding and strong connection to the final product
Journal/Time Log	Time log is missing, incomplete or poorly documented with missing dates or tasks	Time log is detailed and includes clear dates, tasks, and durations	Time log is comprehensive, meticulously detailed, with reflective insights on project progression
Expert Interview	The interview was not conducted or is not related to the topic. The questions lack clarity or are irrelevant, There were fewer than 5 questions	Interview includes 8-10 insightful questions with clear expert responses	Interview demonstrates exceptional depth with 10+ probing questions, comprehensive expert insights

Introduction	Introduction is not done or does not explain the project's goals clearly	Introduction provides clear goals and relevant background information	Introduction is highly engaging, thoroughly addressing objectives with scholarly depth
Materials and Methods	Methods are incomplete or lack sufficient detail	Methods and materials are clearly described with explained technique	Methods are thoroughly detailed, showcasing creative problem-solving and comprehensive process
Physical, photographic or other evidence of your product X 2 points for the product	There is no evidence or very little evidence of a product. Artifacts are missing or lack relevance	There is physical or photographic evidence of a distinct product. Artifacts or photos effectively showcase student effort	The product is well done, exceptionally creative, original, and/or technically sophisticated. Artifacts or photos effectively showcase innovation and technical skill.
Grammar & Writing	Grammar: Errors in grammar and usage are frequent and severe, and the meaning is often obscured. Has frequent capitalization, punctuation & spelling errors.	Grammar: Frequent errors in grammar or usage may obscure meaning. Misses some capitalization, punctuation, and a few spelling mistakes.	Grammar: A few errors in the conventions of standard English grammar & usage are present, but no systematic patterns of errors are displayed. Uses 8th grade level end punctuation & capitalization; spelling - pattern words, & content words, with minimal mistakes.

Overall Portfolio	Portfolio is missing some of the required parts, is disorganized and/or lacks clarity and has no visual appeal	Portfolio is complete, organized and has some visual appeal	Portfolio is complete, exceptionally structured, cohesive, and professionally presented with significant visual appeal
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Scoring Guide:

- Total Possible Points: 100
- Grading Scale:
 - 86-100points: A (Exemplary)
 - 51-85 points: B (Proficient)
 - 50 points: C (Developing)
 - Below 50 points: Needs Improvement

Score _____ Grade _____