

The Year in Review - Final English Project

This year, we have learned and reviewed several genres of writing. In this project, you will have the opportunity to work with each one to show how far you have come with your writing throughout the year. The list below will guide you as you work through the final English project of the year.

Your “Year in Review” Project **MUST** include the following:

2 Reviews: In a review, you have the opportunity to convince people to try something worthwhile or to avoid something you do not think is worth their time or money. (Examples: books, movies, events, games, courses, trips, etc) Be sure to break the review up into paragraphs and to remember what makes a good review. This is posted on my blog if you need a refresher.

3 Poems (at least one must be a form poem): Each poem must be accompanied by a blurb (a few lines which help the reader to understand the meaning behind the poem).

3 Lists: Remember to make your lists interesting. Add some details to make it personal (funny or serious or creative – depending on your intent).

2 Short Pieces: This can be as individual as you are. I am anxious to see what you will come up with. These can be like the Rambling Autobiography, the Credo, the Awesome pieces, What I Believe About the World at age 13, Who I Am at Age 13, and anything else that would qualify as a short piece. Many of these are restricted to one or two paragraphs.

1 Issue Piece: Again, you have the chance to let it out and use your writing voice to express your frustration, anger, or other feelings about an issue that you think needs to be dealt with. This one should be two to three paragraphs minimum.

1 Letter: This might be personal, business or imaginative. Some ideas: Write a letter to your favourite character (book or TV show), to your role model, to the most influential person in history, to a relative you have never known, to yourself

in the past, to yourself in the future, to your favourite animal, to a company in praise of a product you love or to complain about one that you hate, to a long lost friend, to a friend you hope to one day meet... The possibilities are endless. Remember to include the date, a greeting, the body and a closing.

Your Response to Your Year: This is like a reading response, but you are responding to events and reactions to the experiences you had this year. These can be about school, music, sports, friends, family, travel, anything that was a part of your 2012-13 school year.

Your project **CAN** include:

A photo essay: This is a collection of photos (on a particular theme) that tell a story through pictures. Each photo is accompanied by a small blurb – nothing more. It is a way of making the picture tell the story.

1 Narrative Piece (or Memoir): Remember the elements of writing we reviewed for this genre (Tension in writing, paragraphing, dialogue, character development...) In a memoir, there should be a life lesson as well. What will you always keep with you as a result of this experience?

An awards section: This section could be to select awards for people or things in your life that are worth recognizing. This is like an elaborate list assignment. Be sure to make it meaningful to the reader by adding enough detail to understand what these people or things mean to you.

A Wild Card: This is your opportunity to create an assignment to write in the style you choose. Surprise me!

A few things to remember:

1. Your title page should include your name, the date (example 2012-13) and a title for your project. You can add a design if you wish.
2. Reread each piece to be sure it is clear and that it reflects your best effort. Make this project something you would be proud to keep.