

B. Portfolio Criteria Checklist

The following checklist from the student text presents criteria for judging portfolios.

Criteria for *each section* of the portfolio:

- **Completeness.**
Does each section include the material described on pages 27–32 for Portfolio Groups 1–4?
Have you included more than you need?
- **Clarity.**
Is your portfolio well organized?
Is your portfolio clearly written, grammatical, and correctly spelled?
Are major points and arguments easy to understand?
- **Information.**
Is the information accurate?
Does the information cover major facts and important concepts?
Is the information you included important for understanding your topic?
- **Support.**
Have you given examples to explain or support your major points?
Have you given thoughtful explanations for your major points?
- **Graphics.**
Do your graphics relate specifically to your section's content?
Do your graphics provide information? Does each have a caption or title?
Do your graphics help people understand your display?
- **Documentation.**
Have you documented the major points in your portfolio section?
Have you used reliable, trustworthy, and varied sources?
If you quoted or paraphrased your sources of information, do you give them credit each time?
Does your documentation clearly relate to the display?
Have you selected the best and most important sources of information?
- **Constitutionality.**
Have you included your Constitutional Opinion Form?
Have you explained why your proposed policy does not violate the Constitution?

Criteria for the *overall* portfolio:

- **Persuasiveness.**
Does your portfolio give ample evidence that your selected problem is important?
Does your proposed policy address the problem directly?
Does your portfolio explain how you might gain public support for the proposed policy?
- **Practicality.**
Is your proposed policy practical and realistic?
Is your plan for gaining support for your proposed policy realistic?
- **Coordination.**
Does each of the four parts of your display portfolio relate to the others without repeating information?
Does the documentation section of your portfolio provide evidence to support your display portfolio?
- **Reflection.**
Does the section where you reflect upon and evaluate the development of your portfolio demonstrate that you have thought carefully about your experience?
Do you demonstrate what you have learned from the portfolio development experience?

C. Portfolio Score Sheet: Section One

Explaining the Problem

For each criterion, score the portfolio section on a scale of 1–5, with 5 being the best score. Use the **Overall Portfolio Score Sheet** to rate the portfolio as a whole.

1 = Poor 2 = Fair 3 = Average 4 = Above Average 5 = Excellent

	SCORE	NOTES
1. COMPLETENESS Descriptions of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How serious and widespread the problem is in the community, state, or nation ➤ Who should be responsible for handling the problem ➤ The adequacy of current public policy to deal with the problem ➤ Disagreements in the community, if any, about the problem ➤ Major individuals or groups taking sides on the problem and analysis of their positions 		
2. CLARITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Well organized ➤ Well written ➤ Easy to understand 		
3. INFORMATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accurate ➤ Adequate ➤ Important 		
4. SUPPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Examples for major points ➤ Well reasoned 		
5. GRAPHICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Relate to section's content ➤ Appropriately captioned ➤ Provide information ➤ Enhance understanding 		
6. DOCUMENTATION SECTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adequate ➤ Credible ➤ Relates to display ➤ Selective 		

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C. Portfolio Score Sheet: Section Two

Examining Alternative Policies to Deal with the Problem

For each criterion, score the portfolio section on a scale of 1–5, with 5 being the best score. Use the Overall Portfolio Score Sheet to rate the portfolio as a whole.

1 = Poor 2 = Fair 3 = Average 4 = Above Average 5 = Excellent

	SCORE	NOTES
1. COMPLETENESS Descriptions of two or three alternative policies including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Advantages ➤ Disadvantages ➤ Supporters ➤ Opponents 		
2. CLARITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Well organized ➤ Well written ➤ Easy to understand 		
3. INFORMATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accurate ➤ Adequate ➤ Important 		
4. SUPPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Examples for major points ➤ Well reasoned 		
5. GRAPHICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Relate to section's content ➤ Appropriately captioned ➤ Provide information ➤ Enhance understanding 		
6. DOCUMENTATION SECTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adequate ➤ Credible ➤ Relates to display ➤ Selective 		

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C. Portfolio Score Sheet: Section Three

Proposing a Public Policy to Deal with the Problem

For each criterion, score the portfolio section on a scale of 1–5, with 5 being the best score. Use the Overall Portfolio Score Sheet to rate the portfolio as a whole.

1 = Poor 2 = Fair 3 = Average 4 = Above Average 5 = Excellent

	SCORE	NOTES
1. COMPLETENESS Descriptions of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Class's suggested policy ➤ Advantages and disadvantages ➤ Constitutionality ➤ Which government branches or agencies should carry out the suggested policy and why 		
2. CLARITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Well organized ➤ Well written ➤ Easy to understand 		
3. INFORMATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accurate ➤ Adequate ➤ Important 		
4. SUPPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Examples for major points ➤ Well reasoned 		
5. GRAPHICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Relate to section's content ➤ Appropriately captioned ➤ Provide information ➤ Enhance understanding 		
6. DOCUMENTATION SECTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adequate ➤ Credible ➤ Relates to display ➤ Selective 		

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C. Portfolio Score Sheet: Section Four

Developing an Action Plan

For each criterion, score the portfolio section on a scale of 1–5, with 5 being the best score. Use the Overall Portfolio Score Sheet to rate the portfolio as a whole.

1 = Poor 2 = Fair 3 = Average 4 = Above Average 5 = Excellent

	SCORE	NOTES
1. COMPLETENESS Identification of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community supporters ➤ Community opponents ➤ Government supporters ➤ Government opponents ➤ Explanation of how each might be convinced to support the policy 		
2. CLARITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Well organized ➤ Well written ➤ Easy to understand 		
3. INFORMATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accurate ➤ Adequate ➤ Important 		
4. SUPPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Examples for major points ➤ Well reasoned 		
5. GRAPHICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Relate to section's content ➤ Appropriately captioned ➤ Provide information ➤ Enhance understanding 		
6. DOCUMENTATION SECTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adequate ➤ Credible ➤ Relates to display ➤ Selective 		

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C. Overall Portfolio Score Sheet

Teacher _____
 Class _____
 School _____

For each criterion, score the entire portfolio on a scale of 1–5, with 5 being the best score.

1 = Poor 2 = Fair 3 = Average 4 = Above Average 5 = Excellent

	SCORE	NOTES
1. PERSUASIVENESS Makes a convincing case that > Problem is important > Proposed policy addresses problem > Proposed policy is constitutional > Policy could obtain public support		
2. PRACTICALITY > Proposed policy is realistic > Approaches to gaining support are realistic > Takes into account real-world constraints		
3. COORDINATION Portfolio sections > Relate to each other > Avoid repeating information		
4. REFLECTION > Demonstrates reflection > Demonstrates learning		

Overall Portfolio Score
 (Total of scores 1-4 above)

The scores from the four sections should be placed in the appropriate boxes and then added to the overall portfolio score to produce a grand total.

Section One Score	+	Section Two Score	+	Section Three Score	+	Section Four Score	+	Overall Portfolio Score	=	Grand Total
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TIEBREAKER

Please award up to 100 points for the portfolio's overall quality. These points will be used only in the event of a tie. Points should be awarded using the following scale:

Excellent	90 to 100 points
Very Good	80 to 89 points
Average	70 to 79 points
Below Average	0 to 69 points

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