SAMPLE BLOG PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT

All semester, the blog has been a space for you to hash out your thoughts on this course—without intrusion or judgment from your professor. Now it’s time to take stock! Choose:

• Your two best posts
• Your two best comments on someone else’s post

Paste the text of these posts and comments into a document. Do not revise or edit them.

Then, write a mini cover letter (addressed to me, no more than 300 words) in which you introduce your posts and comments. Describe your thoughts as you posted them and now, upon reflecting on them. Tell me: what you learned from writing in this dialogic, online space; what you’re still curious about or what you’re still learning; and how you might change your blog writing in the future.

You’ll be assessed on the quality of the posts that you’ve chosen as well as your general participation on the blog. I tend to weigh these two things equally. So, if you have four great comments/posts but only posted/commented four times, you’ll do fine on the quality portion of grading and poorly on the participation part. If you’re missing just a comment or two, but have otherwise said great things on the blog, then your participation will be just OK but the quality of your posts will boost you.

This portfolio is worth 15% of your final grade for this course.