

An Invitation to Your Antholio

After you have gathered and arranged your Antholio contents, you need to make a cool invitation to the reader to peruse your masterpiece. I am sharing in class a number of examples of past invitations to let you see the range of approaches to this. Your invitation should suit the style and tone of your Antholio and of course, reflect your writing voice. You may, as I have said before, also include a dedication, an epilogue, made up recommendations...whatever you know makes a book a book. You have more detailed guidelines to follow in making your inside cover and your About the Editor piece. Be guided by those. In case you wish to refer again to any of the invitation samples, here is a listing:

1. Ingredients for My Antholio by Sarah Silberman
2. An Invitation to My Creation by Katie Marsh
3. Come Join Me and Fly...by Anna Breedlove
4. A Seventh Grade Journey by Courtney Warner
5. Invitation by Stephen Di Mauro
6. Invitation by Mindy Starn
7. Invitation by Sherree Kon

You will be able to see other cool invitations (many presented in creative ways) in current Antholios around the room. Have fun. You may use the same invitation for all three years of your Antholio, so make it good the first time. You are welcome to upgrade as you move up in grades though.

Several more examples are on page 2 of this handout (or on the back if you have a paper copy).

Come join me and fly
To a far away place
A land of imaginings and wandering
Of doodles and drawings
I glimpse the birth of eternity in a flash of crimson
A child giggles and walks away an adult
Rain and remembrances prance away in a flurry of syllables
My name has definition and smells of cinnamon
Boys become necessary
Out with the deadlines
In with the flourishes of color
Pain rides on wings
And
Cats happily sunbathe

- Anna Breedlove

"A Seventh Grade Journey"

by

Courtney Warner

I'm just a portfolio, come on in,
Very soon the real fun will begin,
Dive into the pages that are eager to be turned,
So much about Courtney will soon be learned.

I'm just a portfolio full of poetry and prose,
About as much from the floor to your nose.
Complete with essays and part of a play,
I hope you will enjoy reading them today.

I'm just a portfolio of this you know,
A small glimpse of my author I will show,
Just a few of her hopes and future dreams,
An expression of some work that made her scream

I'm just a portfolio made from the past year,
Of work, growth and toil of this it is clear,
A nostalgic voyage I will lead you through,
From volumes of seventh grades work on review.

I'm just a portfolio ready to earn a score,
But I know I represent so much more,
Of the author filled with emotions and bliss,
Her seventh grade journey she will surely miss.