This quarter, you will learn to master the ACES paragraph format, which includes an argumentative claim, textual evidence, and commentary about that evidence to support your claim. To develop mastery, you will write at least three ACES paragraphs in response to prompts provided by the teacher. You will compile these writing assignments in one Google document. For each paragraph, you will receive feedback on how well you have mastered the various skills required for an exemplary response. You then will use that feedback to write a revision of each paragraph. Near the end of the first quarter, the complete document (three drafts and three revisions) will be graded for a major assessment grade (see rubric on the back of this handout).

Steps:

1. Download the portfolio template and save a copy in your WCPSS Student Google Drive account.
2. Share the document with your teacher.
3. Write each paragraph in the designated draft section of the portfolio.
4. After reading the feedback, revise the paragraph by the due date provided by your teacher.
5. For first assignment, once you have worked on the revision, you **may** conference with the teacher by signing up for a SMART Lunch or in-class conference time. You will be required to complete the revision and come with prepared questions to have a conference.
6. For the second assignment, you **are encouraged** to conference with a peer tutor in the Writing Center using the teacher feedback as a guide.
7. For the third assignment, you **will be required** to peer edit a classmate’s paragraph using the rubric (Note: you can only participate in giving/receiving peer editing through Turnitin.com and only if you submit the paragraph to Turnitin on time).
8. On the portfolio due date, your teacher will grade the revisions for a major assessment grade.

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|  | Draft Due Date | Type of Feedback | Revision Due Date |
| 1st ACES (Gilgamesh) |  | Teacher |  |
| 2nd ACES (Definition of a Hero) |  | Peer (classmate - randomly assigned & anonymous) |  |
| 3rd ACES (Modern Tragic Hero) |  | Self-selected peer or Writing Center tutor |  |
| Final Portfolio | ------------------------ |  |  |