Portfolio Goals Statement

Objective:

Set goals for yourself to work towards; periodically reflect to see if you have met your goals. These goals will help you connect your learning to our school's ACE goals.

Directions:

1. MLA format a clean sheet of binder paper, with the **title** "Portfolio Goals Statement."
2. On your paper, **list and number** the three ACE goals with plenty of space between them.
3. As the fourth item on your page, write the **words** "Personal Goal."
4. Write a **goal** for each numbered item, making sure to tell exactly **why** each is your goal. Write complete sentences.
5. **Turn in** your paper on _____.
6. When you get this paper back, keep it in your **portfolio** so you can look at it again in **April** and **June** to **evaluate** your progress toward the goals you've set.

Example:

1. **Academic Achievers**: I will use School Loop on a regular basis (at least twice a week) to check my homework, look at grades, and communicate with teachers. Any time I'm sick, I'll use School Loop to check homework, finish it before I come to class, and let teachers know when I'll be back in class and ask what I need to have when I come back. I will also use my cell phone to keep track of assignments in my English and math classes since those two classes are the hardest for me. I want to earn a minimum of a C in all 6 of my classes by the end of the semester and keeping track of my homework assignments is how I plan to do that.
2. **Critical Thinkers and Readers**: I will make connections between the readings I do this year and my life so I can go beyond just the book and apply what I learn to my life. This means in my history class, too. There is a reason that we learn about things people have already gone through and I don't want to make the same mistakes. I'm not going to start keeping a journal of my thoughts, but I'll be better about knowing why we read what we read.
3. **Effective Communicators**: I will participate more vocally in my classes. I hope this will help me get over my fear of public speaking since that's something I will have to do when I get out of school. I will use the Cornell Notes system during my classes. By doing this, I can try to anticipate the information that's the most important in a reading, lecture, lab, or project. I will use these notes to study and make the information meaningful to me.
4. **Personal Goal**: I want to write at least the beginnings of five short stories this semester. I hope to have the setting, main character, and a conflict for each story. It doesn't have to be perfect, but I want to get the ideas down so I can work on filling things out later – maybe during the summer. I'll try to write at least two nights each week. I bought a notebook to keep my ideas in and that's where I'll write these five stories down.