

## Final Reflective Essay

Revisit the initial reflective essay that you wrote to meet the Initial Reflective Essay requirements. Reflect on the three virtues you chose at the beginning of your Teacher Education program by explaining how you have developed and achieved those virtues during your teacher education experience. Your essay should be no more than 500 words.

### Alternate Final Reflective Essay for Students who have not completed the 2004 Initial Reflective Essay.

Identify three virtues which were discussed in your Initial Reflective Essay. If three virtues are not discussed, identify three virtues where you have shown the most growth during your teacher education experience. Reflect on these virtues by explaining how you have developed and achieved them during your teacher education experience. Your essay should be no more than 500 words.

### Final Reflective Essay Rubric Assessment

	<b>Exceptional</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>	<b>Attained</b>
<b>Explanation of how student teacher achieved the three given virtues</b>	The teacher candidate describes the process in developing and attaining the virtues identified in the initial reflective essay by giving several examples that clearly support the development of each virtue.	The teacher candidate describes the process in developing and attaining the virtues identified in the initial reflective essay.	The teacher candidate does not provide an explanation of how the virtues were developed and attained.	Yes/no
<b>Essay shows growth of understanding of three virtues discussed</b>	The teacher candidate describes the virtues in a manner that reflects a deep understanding by describing how they are important	The teacher candidate describes growth from the teacher education experience, and describes a higher understanding of	The teacher candidate describes the virtues in a similar manner to how they were addressed in the initial reflective	Yes/no

	not only to a good teacher, but to students, to the education process as a whole, and to “realizing the democratic ideal”.	the virtues related to teaching and learning as compared to the Initial Reflective Essay.	essay, showing a lack of growth in understanding of the virtues.	
<b>Writing</b>	The writing illustrates a high level of communication skills through the use of language which professionally conveys the ideas and organization of the candidate.	The writing is well organized and clearly conveys ideas.	Writing lacks logical development of ideas. The candidate’s point of view is unclear.	Yes/no
<b>Grammar and Spelling</b>	The essay is free of all grammatical and spelling errors.	The essay is free of significant grammatical and spelling errors.	The essay contains numerous grammatical and spelling errors.	Yes/no
<b>Overall</b>				Yes/no