Portfolios are a great way for students to tell their story by purposefully selecting the artifacts they want to include in their portfolio. It encourages students to be reflective of their own learning and growth.

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| **Teacher Led** |  | **Requires Computer** | **X** | **Requires myBlueprint.ca** | **X** |

**LEARNING GOALS:**

1. Students will practice reflecting on their choices and learning progression
2. Students will practice goal setting with a specific purpose in mind

**MATERIALS:**

* **Handout [A] - Creating a Portfolio**
* Computer, tablet, mobile device

**GETTING STARTED:**

1. Visit [www.myBlueprint.ca](http://www.myBlueprint.ca), and enter your email and password to log in.

* **Forgot your password?** Click on the “Forgot your password?” link in the green Existing User box.
* **Forgotten email?** As a teacher/counsellor, you can reset your students’ emails and passwords in your Student Manager or My Classes.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Before the Lesson*

1. Have a discussion with your students about digital footprints and the importance of online privacy (Note: myBlueprint is a secure site and only students, teachers and parent who have linked will have access to a student’s account)
2. Ask students to think about their life story and what they want other to now about themselves as a learner and as an individual

*During the Lesson*

1. Give **Handout [A]** to students and have them complete the activity using myBlueprint.
2. Once they’ve completed the activity, ensure that they’ve downloaded and printed 2 copies – one for you and one for themselves.

*After the Lesson*

1. With a partner or with a group, ask students to discuss the following:
   1. What did you learn from this activity about the various occupations?
   2. What did you learn about themselves in completing this activity?
   3. What do you think is the story you’re telling based on what is included in your portfolio?
   4. What does your portfolio tell others about you? Are you happy with that story?

***Extension Activity****: Do this activity with students at the beginning of the year and once more near the end to see if their choices/interests have changed. Ask them to reflect on those changes.*

**HANDOUT [A] - CREATING A PORTFOLIO**

**1**. In the left hand corner, click on Menu in the navigation and select **Who Am I.**  Select the **Learning Styles** assessment. Complete the assessment.

*What is your learning style? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**2**. In the left hand corner, click on **Work** and select **Resumes**. Click the button+**Add Resume** and fill in as much information as you can in each section of the resume. Emphasize the skills you’ve developed from each experience. (Do not make up any skills or create a fake resume; make it as truthful as you can).

**3**. In **High School**, if you don’t already have a plan, click the button **View Plans** then **+Add New Plan,** and add all of the required and elective courses you need to graduate.

**4**. On the right side of the page, explore the various pathways available to you based on your completed plan under **Pathway Eligibility**. Select 2 programs that are of interest to you and add them to your favourites (click on the heart beside the program name).

*Which 2 options did you select? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**5**. Go back to the program information page and scroll to the bottom where you will find ‘**Related Occupations**’ and click on **‘View More’**. Explore the various occupations listed there and add 2 to your favourites (You should have 4 in total – 2 for each program).

*Which 4 occupations did you choose?*

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**6**. Go to **Goals** and create 2 goals related to an occupation of interest (i.e. a skill you may want to develop, a level of education you need to achieve, an experience you may need to have, etc.)

**7**. Under **Portfolios,** add a portfolio and name it ‘About Me’. Click ‘Add Box’ and add the following boxes and write reflections for each box:

1. ***Learning Style Survey*** - Were you surprised at the result? Why or why not? What study tips did you learn?
2. ***High School Plan*** - Were you happy with your high school plan? Did you feel like you were limited by the courses available at your school? Explain.
3. ***2 post-secondary opportunities*** *you’ve added to your favourites in the Post-Secondary Plan* - Why did you choose these two opportunities? What did you like? Dislike?
4. ***2 occupations*** *that you’ve added to your favourites in the Occupation Plan* - Why did you choose these two occupations? Did they match your learning style and what did you learn from that? What do you find interesting?
5. ***2 goals*** *you’ve created* - Why did you choose to create this goal? What resources do you have to help you reach this goal?