

Portfolio Assignment (Due 3/26). The portfolio is an opportunity to gather together all of the work that you have produced during the simulation and reflect on what you have learned.

The portfolio should include:

1. A collection of your best speeches from the simulation (min. 6 pages/max. 7 pages double-spaced). Each of these speeches must have been posted to the online forum during the game; no speeches written after the final public session or not posted to the forum are allowed. However, revisions are both permissible and encouraged for this final graded portfolio. Your goal is to select 6-7 pages that represent your best written work during the game; the number of separate speeches in this portfolio is flexible (e.g., two longer speeches, three shorter speeches). (Note: For one or more students who are playing indeterminate roles, a special writing assignment may constitute this portion of your portfolio).
2. A reflective essay (max. 2-pages double-spaced) that examines your own writing, speaking, independent research, group work and participation during the simulation. Consider the ways in which you wrestled with and responded to the game on an intellectual level. For example, did your approach to your role and your speaking responsibilities change during the course of the simulation? How did your independent research affect your arguments and strategies and how did you reflect this in your written and oral speeches? How was your understanding of and perspective on Plato's political philosophy affected by your role, either as part of a faction or as an indeterminate character? How did you approach the oratorical and strategic requirements of your role and how did you work through any philosophical or ideological challenges?
3. A completed peer evaluation (if you haven't already turned one in). Download "Peer Evaluation" from Handouts page of course website.

Your written work will be graded on format, argument, support, grammar and style. See "Written Work Rubric" on the Handouts page of the course website.

Dialogue Assignment (Due 4/9). Consider the following quote: "Democracy ... is a charming form of government, full of variety and disorder; and dispensing a sort of equality to equals and unequals alike."

Write a dialogue (max 5 pages, min. 4 pages double-spaced) between Thrasybulus, Socrates, a Moderate Democrat, and an Oligarch in which these figures respond to this quotation and offer their critiques and responses to one another's perspectives. Be sure that you explain each thinker's views as well as how they would respond to one another. Your answer should draw explicitly on the readings as well as the simulation and should demonstrate your understanding not only of what the thinkers actually said but how they thought.

Your written work will be graded on format, argument, support, grammar and style. See the "Written Work Rubric" on the Handouts page of the course website.