# **Tips for Submitting Your Evidence as PDF Files for Mac Users**

Follow the instructions below to convert a word processing file to a PDF and to combine multiple PDFs into a single file.

Please note that you are not required to convert Microsoft Word or Open Office files to PDFs for submission in the ePortfolio system; Microsoft Word and Open Office files are both accepted file formats. However, if you wish to upload PDF files rather than Word documents, current versions of Word can save files directly as PDFs.

## **Creating PDFs**

Mac users can create PDFs directly from the operating system. To create a PDF:

 Open your file and click "File" from the menu bar and select the "Print" option.

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2. Click the "PDF" drop-down menu button and select "Save as PDF...".

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3. Save as you normally would.

# **Combining Multiple PDFs into a Single PDF**

To combine multiple PDFs into a single file using Preview:

- 1. Open the PDFs you want to combine.
- 2. Click on the drop-down menu in the upper-left corner and select "Thumbnails" on each PDF.



A tray will open on the left-hand side of Preview, showing you the individual pages of your PDFs.



- 3. Select the thumbnails of the PDF that you want to combine from one file use Command-A to select them all at once—and then drag these thumbnails pages *onto* the thumbnails of the other PDF.
- 4. Save as you normally would.

## Merging PDF Files – Mac OS X Lion

If you have multiple files to merge and have Mac OS X Lion:

- 1. From "Finder," select and click all the PDFs you want to combine. They will all open in "Preview."
- 2. Click the "File" drop-down menu.
- 3. Click the "Print" drop-down menu.
- 4. In the lower left-hand corner, click the arrow next to "PDF."
- 5. Click "Save to PDF."

#### **Additional Resources**

Please visit <u>www.boardcertifiedteachers.org/eportfolio</u> for other helpful resources, including technical guides, video tutorials, and Frequently Asked Questions.