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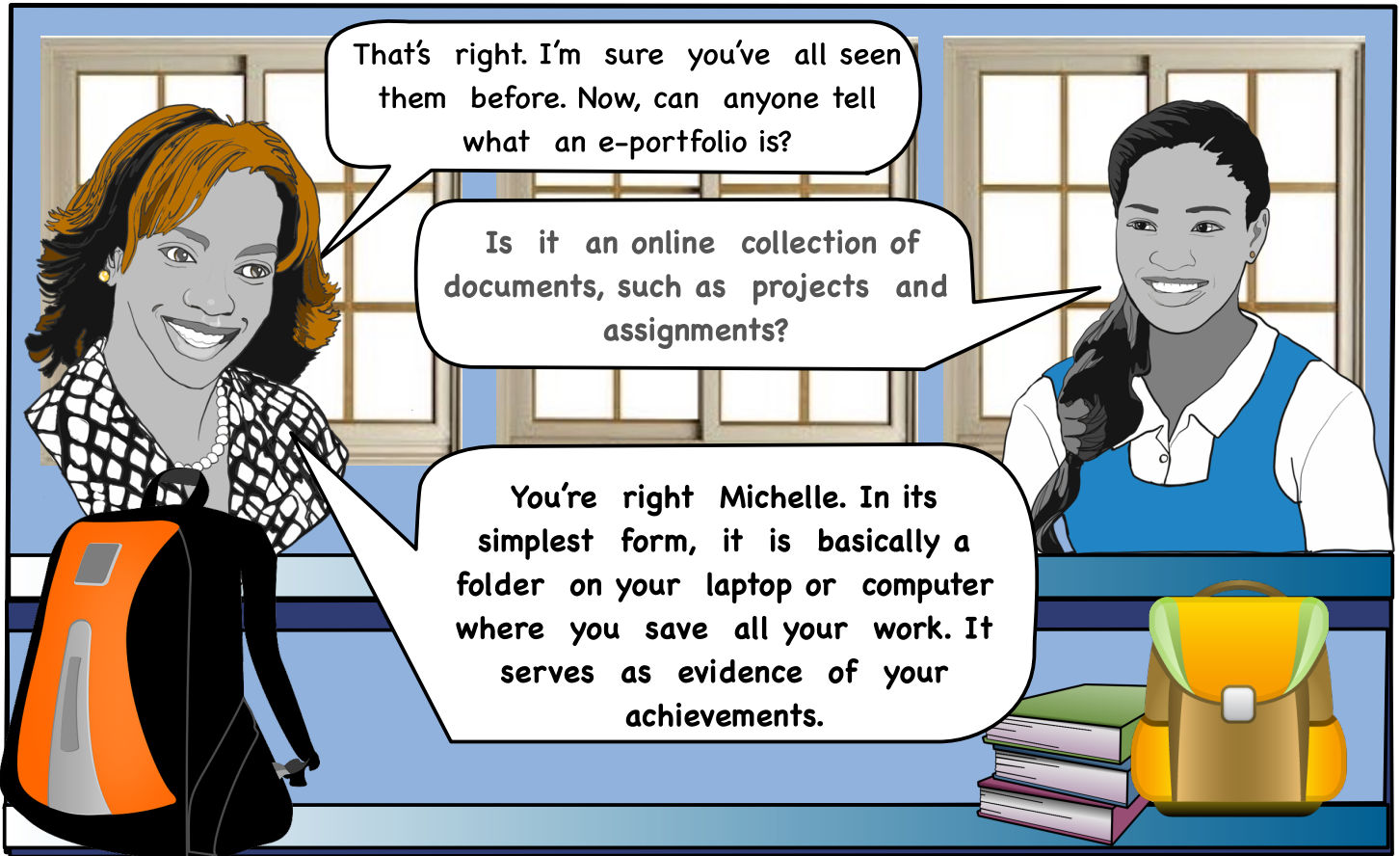
Let's Talk... CAREER

Teacher comes to class ready to discuss
E-Portfolios and their uses

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E-PORTFOLIOS



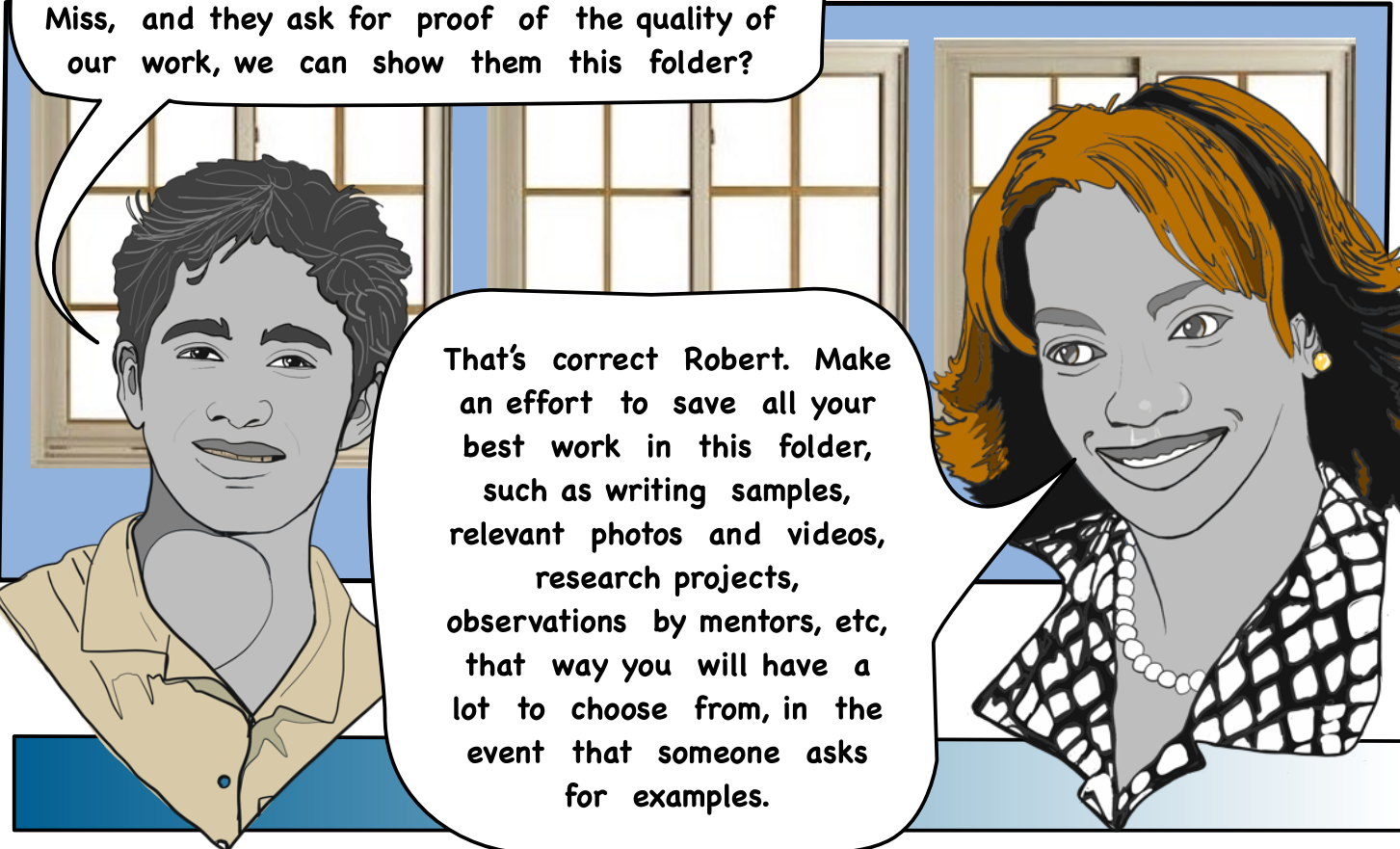


That's right. I'm sure you've all seen them before. Now, can anyone tell what an e-portfolio is?

Is it an online collection of documents, such as projects and assignments?

You're right Michelle. In its simplest form, it is basically a folder on your laptop or computer where you save all your work. It serves as evidence of your achievements.

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That's correct Robert. Make an effort to save all your best work in this folder, such as writing samples, relevant photos and videos, research projects, observations by mentors, etc, that way you will have a lot to choose from, in the event that someone asks for examples.



Apart from being used as evidence, what else can the e-portfolio be used for?

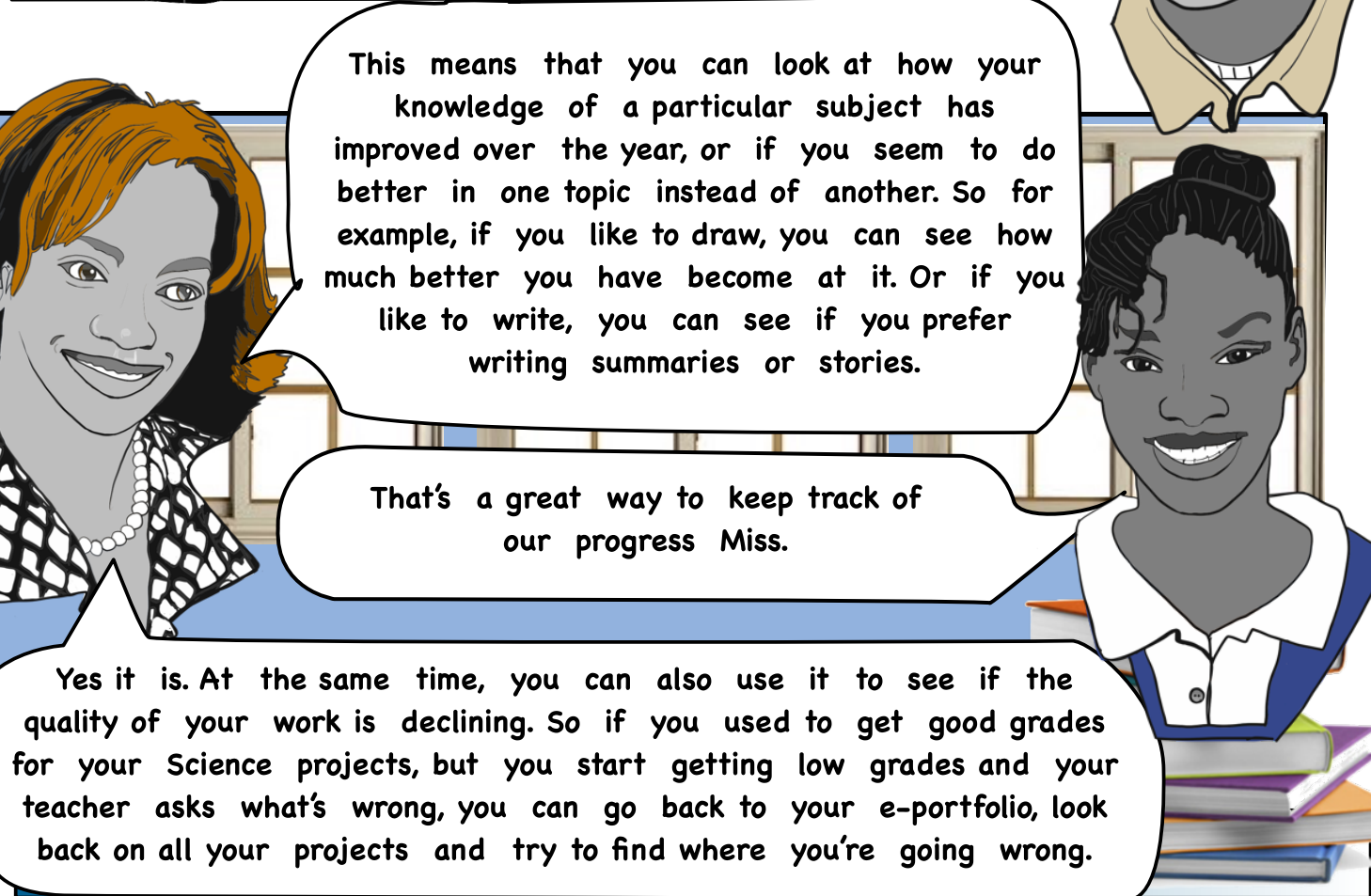
Excellent question Candice. Another major use of the e-portfolio is to allow students to see how their work may have changed over the years.

What exactly does that mean Miss?

This means that you can look at how your knowledge of a particular subject has improved over the year, or if you seem to do better in one topic instead of another. So for example, if you like to draw, you can see how much better you have become at it. Or if you like to write, you can see if you prefer writing summaries or stories.

That's a great way to keep track of our progress Miss.

Yes it is. At the same time, you can also use it to see if the quality of your work is declining. So if you used to get good grades for your Science projects, but you start getting low grades and your teacher asks what's wrong, you can go back to your e-portfolio, look back on all your projects and try to find where you're going wrong.





This e-portfolio is sounding really good Miss.

Brown [smiling]: Yes Marlon I agree, it's really good. And you know what? Us teachers can also use the e-portfolio to keep track of your learning journey over time. We can review, communicate and give you feedback.

Does this mean you're giving us homework, to create our own e-portfolio?

I just love how you guys are so smart today! Yes Andrew, the assignment for next week is for you all to come to class with a copy of your e-portfolio saved on a USB drive. I will upload them to my computer and give you feedback. Make sure it's organized and looks professional. No personal photos please.

See you next week!

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