



## *Portfolio Activity 9.8*

## **EFFICIENCY OF ASSESSMENT**

### *Materials Needed:*

- Pencil and paper or a computer

- A. Some educators have argued that today's assessment techniques, while more valid and reliable, cost a considerable amount of money to implement and uses an exorbitant amount of teacher time. Interview several classroom teachers about this issue.
- B. Write a short essay explaining your own beliefs on this issue.

- C. If time allows, have a debate in your classroom about the "costs" and "benefits" of today's assessment techniques.
- D. Investigate how computers, hand-held computers, and CD-ROMs are making assessment easier and saving time. Examine specific products such as *Learner Profile* by Sunburst/WINGS company, *Grady Profile* by Aurbach and Associates, and *Performance Plus* by National Computer Systems (NCS).
- E. Record your findings in your portfolio.