

Project Reflection

In order to complete your service-learning project, you will need to complete a written reflection essay of 1-2 pages in length. Choose one or more of the following questions to guide your essay. When you have completed the essay, give it to your Service-Learning Coach or classroom teacher.

1. Choose three words that best describe your service-learning experience and develop an essay around these three words.
2. Think back to your attitude about service-learning prior to your experience. Did your experience change or confirm your attitude? Describe your experiences as you answer this question.
3. Based on your service-learning experience, discuss the problems your project/placement site addressed. What do you think might be a good way to solve the problems your service organization addresses? How did you address these problems during your project? Did you address a symptom or a root cause?
4. How is your service organization important to the people it serves? What changes would you suggest to the Board of Directors? What was your role in the agency's delivery of services?
5. Do you have more or less empathy/understanding for the problem you addressed than you did before your service-learning experience? What did you learn through the experience?
6. Did you take risks during this experience? Were you challenged? Did you grown in any way? Did the experience impact the way you see yourself or the world?
7. What was the best experience during the service-learning project? What was the worst experience? How would you approach this project or another project differently next time?
8. Did the service-learning experience impact the way you are thinking about potential careers? If so, how?
9. Describe what you did during your experience, the issues you were exposed to, the skills you gained and the discussions you had that impacted your thinking about careers.

If you would like to have your reflection posted on the Chicago Public Schools service-learning website (www.servicelearning.cps.k12.il.us), please attach a copy of your reflection essay and sign and date it below. Please ask your Service-Learning Coach to fax it to the Service-Learning Manager at CPS (773.553-6394).

Name: _____

School: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____