

Post-Service Reflection

In order for your Service Learning hours to be registered, you will need to complete a 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 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 that your project/placement site addressed. What do you think might be a good way to solve the problems that your service organization addresses? How did you address these issues during your project? Did your project 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 director or the Board of Directors? What was your role in the agency's delivery of services?
5. Do you have more or less sympathy/understanding for the problem you addressed than you did before your Service Learning experience?
6. Did you take risks or did you play it safe during this experience? Were you challenged? Did you grow in any way? Did this experience impact the way that you see yourself or the world?
7. What was the best experience during your 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 that you are thinking about potential careers? If so, how? Describe what you did during your experience, to what issues you were exposed, the skills you gained, and/or the discussions you had that impacted your thinking about careers.

If you would like the Service Learning Initiative to consider your reflection for posting on the Chicago Public Schools' website, please attach a copy of the reflection essay and sign and date below. Please request that your Service Learning coach fax your reflection to Jon Schmidt at 3-2148.

Student's Name: _____

School: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____