

Georgetown Day School Community Service Program

Suggested Reflection Questions

While completing your community service requirement, we ask that you reflect on the experience. Your reflection should answer two (2) fundamental questions: 1) How did your service benefit others? 2) How did it transform you? Use the following questions to guide you as you thoughtfully complete this assignment.

NOTE: Advisors and Grade Deans, please feel free to use this form to take notes on the student's oral or visual reflection. In this case, turn this form in along with the Post-Service Evaluation form.

- Start by telling us about the experience:
 - What and when did you do for your project?
 - What were the strengths and weaknesses of this experience?
 - Why did you choose this particular service experience?
 - What did you expect before beginning your work?
 - How did your experience and expectations differ?
 - With whom did you work?
 - Did you meet anyone who made a strong impression on you? If so, describe your relationship with this person (or persons).
 - How did you impact the organization's work?
 - Did you learn anything new or surprising about people in general or about the group you were working with specifically?
- Then dig deeper:
 - Why was the work you did service (helping to make things better for a community) rather than volunteerism (giving your time for free)?
 - How did your service benefit others? Did it?
 - Was the work you did sustainable?
 - What could have been done to make a bigger and more sustainable impact on the issue/organization/people?
 - What skills did you bring to your experience and which did you acquire?
 - Did you gain skills you'll use 10 years from now?
 - How did your work affect you? Did it?
 - What did you learn from your participation in this community service?
 - Will you approach anything differently as a result of this experience? If so, what?
 - What social issues (if any) has this experience made you think about?
 - What would you do to address those issues if you become a policy maker 20 years from now?
- What else should we know?
- What made you say "huh" and why?

Reflection options:

- OPTION 1: Turn in journal reflecting on experience (minimum 10 handwritten pages)
- OPTION 2: Turn in 3-5 page typed, double-spaced reflection
- OPTION 3: Make an oral or visual presentation to CS director, advisor, or grade dean

I (print name) _____ certify that _____
(student) made a 20 minute oral / visual (circle 1) reflection on his/her service to me on
_____ (date). Signature: _____ Extension: _____