**Reflection 1 (40 pts): To be completed BEFORE you have visited your service learning site**

Over the next few months, you will be taking your college education outside of the walls of the university; your experiences as a service-learning student may lead you to think differently about education, the community and the value of public service. You may develop new skills and learn and learn something new about yourself, as well.

Consider the following goals and potential outcomes of your service learning, and write 1 paragraph per question to thoroughly answer each of the following questions (2 pages maximum, single spaced). Number each paragraph so it is clear which question you are answering.

**Include this information in your header.**

**SL Reflection #1**

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Site:**

1. Describe the community and the characteristics of the population that you BELIEVE you will be working with over the next few months (where it is located, type of institution, culture/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, language spoken, common disabilities). You can check the website of the organization to gather some of this information.
2. When you think about your Service Learning, what are you most excited about or interested in? What are you most concerned/nervous about? Why?
3. YOUR GOALS: Describe *at least* 5 things you HOPE you will learn/develop over the next few months as a result of participating in Service Learning. Be specific and number them #1-5. This can include soft skills such as collaboration, leadership, critical thinking, problem solving, public speaking and adaptability, OR site-specific skills (such as tutoring, working with kids, etc.).
4. What concepts from our class do you THINK you will see demonstrated in your Service Learning experience? Describe at least 5 concepts and label them #1-5. You may use our syllabus/textbook to help you.

Be honest and as specific as possible and make sure to do the reflective work of explaining why you think what you think.

**Reflection 2 (40 pts): You should have completed at least 4 hours of service for your service learning site**

Now that you have started working at your site, reflect on the following questions. Write 1 paragraph per question (2 pages maximum, single spaced). Number each paragraph so it is clear which question you are answering.

**Include this information in your header.**

**SL Reflection #2**

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Site:**

**Hours worked so far:**

1. Is the community and the characteristics of the population at your site what you expected it to be? Any surprises?  What do you like best so far?
2. What social issues are most relevant to the work at your site? Look at the organization’s mission statement on its website, talk to your supervisor, and find at least one article on this topic. (For example, if your site supports the homeless population in North County, find information on that specific issue.) Explain how the challenges or issues faced at your site relate to concepts we have discussed in class and in our readings. Include at least 4 quotes (total) from both the class readings and your academic journal article. Use APA style in-text citation
3. What questions or concerns do you have about your assignment? Are you encountering any challenges with the logistical aspects of your assignment (e.g., schedule, transportation, communication with site supervisor, etc.)? Does your assignment match what you were expecting? What are some possible solutions to the problems you have encountered?
4. Consider your goals for the next couple of months. What do you hope to contribute and learn from this experience, and how can you approach your assignment in order to achieve these goals?

**Reflection 3 (40 pts): You should have completed all (or nearly all) of your service learning hours**

**Include this information in each of the Reflection Papers that you submit.**

**SL Reflection #3**

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Site:**

**SL hours completed so far:**

Write 1 paragraph to thoroughly answer each of the following questions (2 pages maximum, single spaced). **Number each paragraph so it is clear which question you are answering.**

1. Re-read your Reflection 1, questions 1 and 2. How did your actual experience compare with your expectations? How did you grow personally and how did your perspective change throughout the semester?
2. Re-read Reflection 1, question 3. Which goals did you achieve? Describe this change/development and how it occurred. Consider “soft skills,” such as collaboration, leadership, critical thinking, problem solving, public speaking and adaptability. Was this the outcome you initially expected and/or desired (per your response to Reflection #1)? What about your service learning assignment helped you to develop in this way? Please be as specific as possible when describing the knowledge or skills you developed, elaborating on your initial expectations and ultimate experience.
3. Re-read Reflection 2, question 2. How has your own awareness of this social issue changed since working at your site? What more could you or other students do to address this issue? Give some specific examples.
4. Write a sincere thank you note to your site supervisor thanking them for the opportunity to learn through service at their organization. Summarize what you have learned and share how valuable the experience has been for you. Give specific examples. Be genuine. You will be sending this letter to your site supervisor.