

Leadership Service Learning Lab (LDRS211) Reflection Essay



Submit in Taskstream at end of service to complete LDRS 211

This year you have been engaged in at least one approved service learning experience. In this 3-5 page essay, you will reflect on your experiences and the ways in which they might have impacted your perceptions and aspirations about future engagement with your community. Your essay should have an introduction and conclusion paragraph and four to six body paragraphs.

The **introduction** should grab the reader's attention. Your conclusion should **integrate and summarize your key reflections and future implications** both for your role as an engaged citizen and your role as a leader. The body paragraphs may vary according to what kind of service you did. The body paragraphs may vary depending on how you served, but here are some suggestions:

- ★ **Share the story of the service learning experience.** Enrich your story with details about your perceptions, expectations, and first impressions. Continue by describing shifts in your perceptions or the nature of the service itself that might have occurred in the course of your service day(s), weeks, or months.
- ★ Specifically, reflect on **what you learned about people you served who may be different from yourself and/or the agencies who serve them.** If you did not meet the people benefitting from your service, what do you think their needs and/or benefit of your service might have been? How might their life experiences and cultures have been different from your own?
- ★ Finally, include **reflections about your commitment to your community in the long term** and how you see yourself working to make a contribution as an engaged citizen and principled leader. What have you learned about your strengths and interests that might help you zero in on causes or types of community engagement that best reflect your personal values and priorities, utilize your strengths as a citizen and/or leader, and maximize your personal impact on your community?

Upload your essay to your E-Leadership Portfolio under the Service Learning LDRS211 (Third Class) assignment, located under the Character Pillar. Please send all essays to instructor "SLCE 1". You may also view a copy of the rubric there. Contact John Ray Roberts (robertsj1@citadel.edu) or Christina Soyden Arnold (csoyden@citadel.edu) if you have difficulty entering your work, or if you do not have a portfolio.

Do not wait to the last minute to attempt your submission. The deadline for essay submission for **Spring 2019 is Sunday, 14 April at midnight**. Essays must be completed and in the system in order for your Passing LDRS211 grade to be entered.