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WHAT. SO WHAT. NOW WHAT?

Service Learning Reflection

Directions: Now that we have completed our tour of *[insert location here]* in Detroit, it is important to take time to reflect on the experience. Your reflection will take place in a three-fold format, answering the questions “What?”, “So What?”, and “Now What?”. Read the prompts below for each category and use the back of this page to complete your reflection. You may express your reflections by writing in paragraph format, creating an illustrated diagram, using poetry/lyrics, or any other method of your choice. You do not necessarily have to answer all of the prompts, but be sure to express your thoughts completely.

WHAT?

- What did you expect to get out of this experience (purpose/goals/ideals)?
- What did you learn from the experience?
- What did you observe?
- What community partner did you work with?
- What part of your experience was most challenging? What part did you find surprising?
- What did you already know about the topic you explored at the site/event?
- Describe the people you worked with
- What role(s) did you play at the site/event?
- What about myself did I share with others?

SO WHAT?

- What did you learn about others and yourself?
- How were you different when you left the community site compared to when you entered?
- How were you different/similar than other people?
- In what ways did being different help/hinder the group?
- What did I do that was effective? Why was it effective?
- What did I do that seemed to be ineffective? How could I have done it differently?
- What values, opinions, decisions have been made or changed through this experience?
- What has surprised me about the community site, the people I work with, and myself?
- What have you learned about a particular community or societal issue?

NOW WHAT?

- How will your efforts working with this community partner contribute to social change? Your career?
- What changes would you make in this experience if it were repeated?
- How do we take what we have learned and convert it into action in the community we’re working in?
- How can society be more compassionate/informed/involved regarding this community?
- How can society better deal with a problem?
- Where do we go from here? What’s the next step in the process?

****FEEL FREE TO ADD YOUR OWN PERSONAL REFLECTION PROMPTS***

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