

AP POLITICAL SCIENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE REFLECTIVE ESSAY

Students are required to write a 2 to 3 page (12 pt. Times New Roman font; double-spaced; 1-inch margins) reflective essay on their community service experience. The essay has three parts:

- Summarize and evaluate your experience:
 - 1) What were your responsibilities? Did they change or increase during your time?
 - 2) What kind of help/support did you receive at the agency or from other people?
 - 3) What obstacles did you face in completing the service (personal or related to the agency)? How could those problems have been resolved?

- Discuss how your service related to our classroom lessons on participation in a democracy.
 - 1) How does taking responsibility and participation help to make a community better?
 - 2) Make a connection between the “real world” and our classroom discussions.

- Have you changed your ideas or attitudes about your community?
- Have you learned something about yourself or human nature?
- How can service prepare people for the responsibilities of citizenship in our democratic society?

Do not write what you think I want to read – in other words stay away from lofty statements that you certainly don’t mean. This is a time for you to reflect on your community service in an honest, straightforward manner.

**Students who do not turn in a reflective essay do not
fulfill the community service requirement.**

DUE DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015