

PIB Biology – Summer Assignment

REASONING

All too often I see highly motivated, competitive students join clubs, groups, and organization to appear involved for the purpose of completing a college application or developing a resume. The appearance of involvement is much different from a genuine connection to the activity. I would like this summer assignment to mean something on more than one level. I want students to recognize that their participation and involvement as a volunteer is worth more when they can find personal meaning within it. I want students to fully understand that representing themselves and their convictions well is worth more in the long run. This personal connection to a volunteer service can only lead to positive growth for all parties involved.

OBJECTIVES

- * Volunteer 10 - 15 hours of your time.
- * Keep a reflective journal of your experiences – provide details and specifics.
- * Complete a 5 - 10 page paper explaining your impact on life and how another's life has impacted you.

VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

- Select a volunteer organization, agency, group, or individual to lend your time to that you actually are interested in or passionate about. This is not limited to only working with people.
- Volunteer selection CANNOT have any affiliation with any organization you are currently involved.
- Volunteer selection CANNOT have any connection to your family or the church you may currently attend.
- This needs to be a new experience. I challenge you to step out of the norm, but still within the realm of what interests you.
- Complete the Volunteer Verification Form. I *will* be making contact with the organization, agency, group, or individual(s) involved.

REFLECTIVE JOURNAL

- Keep a log of the time spent as a volunteer.
- This can be hand written if legible. I suggest keeping a small notepad with you while you lend your time.
- Record specifics; thoughts, emotions, funny/awkward moments, you name it. The more details you record the easier it will be to complete the final paper.
- Please turn in your reflective journal with your completed final paper.

FINAL PAPER

- MLA formatted paper – if you are not familiar take it upon yourself to look it up, here is a solid source:
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>
- Please provide a title page being sure to include your name and the semester you will be in PIB bio.
- Please do NOT submit in a special folder or cover; stapled is just fine.
- 5 – 10 page paper explaining how you volunteered your time and the impact it had on another's life and the impression it left on you. Think beyond your reflective journal; draw conclusions and project.
- This should be a *thoughtful, thorough, and sincere* explanation of your experience and the impact you have on life.



Volunteer Verification Form

Student Name: _____ Semester in Biology (circle one): 1 or 2

Organization/Agency/Group/Individual You Volunteered for: _____

Organization/Agency/Group/Individual Contact Information

phone: _____

address: _____

email: _____

Description of Volunteer Service: _____

Volunteer Dates

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Volunteer Hours

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| Total Volunteer Hours |
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I certify that the above information and statements are true and correct.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____