

Reflective Essay

A crucial but largely overlooked step in the scientific process is thoughtful reflection. As students we are often trained to move quickly once one task is completed on to the next task so that we can get the 'painful' experience of learning over with. Hopefully, you have started to see learning as something you're never done with. With this in mind, you're last assignment for this year is a reflective essay. Though there is no paper-length requirement, it should be long enough to adequately address the questions but be no longer than 5 pages. All papers are to be typed and be proof-read for spelling and grammatical correctness. Please use APA format.

Purpose: To give you an opportunity to think about your experience in Science Research and share some insights into the scientific process and your progress this year.

Guiding questions for your paper:

What have you been working on this year?

Where were you at the beginning of the year?

Where are you now?

What allowed you to get this far?

What prevented you from getting further?

What were some obstacles you encountered?

How did you overcome them?

Other than in Science Research class, where else have you used your SR experience?

In school?

Which courses and how?

Outside of school? How so?

What is your plan for next year?

How will you use your experiences this year to help you next year?

In Science Research?

In other courses?

Feedback/constructive criticisms for the instructor/course outline?

What about the structure of the course/class helped you?

Knowing the goals and format of this course how would you change the course?

Be sure to include concrete examples.

Please note: This is not "busy work" for the remainder of the year. I will read your responses carefully.