

USC 2011.01 UTSA Engaged – A Service-Learning Experience
Detailed Assignment and Scoring Guide for:
Meta-Reflection – Final Paper

For your final reflection paper you will work to synthesize your service-learning experience, the on-line journal reflections, readings and discussions. A Meta-Reflection is an opportunity to think critically, analyze, observe and reinterpret the service learning experience. You will use five themes listed below to help guide your reflection. You do not have to answer all of these questions directly, rather use them as starting points of reflection. Maybe one question from each theme will serve as a starting point for you to touch on that theme in your paper.

- **Understanding that we are all in this together:** What helped you understand the profound interconnectedness of human beings during the semester? What highlighted our interdependence? What steps did you take to understand this more deeply and to share this new insight with others?
- **An appreciation of the value of “otherness”:** What did it mean for you to encounter strangers “the other” this semester? What does it mean to offer hospitality? What have you learned about embracing differences and celebrating the diversity of our nation? How will you share the importance of inclusion and diversity in the future?
- **An ability to hold tension in life-giving ways:** What tensions did you encounter this semester? What challenged your moral convictions and how did you handle it? How did this tension generate insight, energy and a new life perspective for you?
- **A sense of personal voice and agency:** What helped you develop a voice and personal agency during this semester? Do you value the importance of letting your concerns known to those who hold power as a result of this course? In what ways will you continue to empower the conversation of your community into the future?
- **A capacity to create community:** What have you learned about the power of community this semester? How will you continue to create community in the future? What unique contribution can you make to building community as you develop a professional career and skill set?

Your paper must be a minimum of three pages in length, double-spaced, and in 12 point font. Times New Roman. You may use first person given the paper is reflective in nature. **Papers will be due the Friday May 5th by 11:59 PM uploaded through the assignment tab. The grading of the reflection will be based on how well you touch on the above themes in the integration of your personal insights.**

Scoring Guide

All in it Together	_____ points	out of 25 points
Otherness	_____ points	out of 25 points
Tension	_____ points	out of 25 points
Voice and Agency	_____ points	out of 25 points
Community	_____ points	out of 25 points
Quality of Writing	_____ points	out of 15 points
 TOTAL	 _____ points	 out of 140 points

This paper is worth 30% of your total grade and is due May 5th at 11:59 PM!