



HONORS COLLEGE LEADERSHIP PROJECT JUNIOR AND SENIOR ESSAY 2020-2021

Objective: To summarize and reflect upon your leadership experience

Overview: As a culminating activity following your leadership project, you will write a reflection of your leadership role and submit to your Honors College advisor.

Required Elements:

1. Describe your leadership activity.
2. How did you take action as a leader? Identify the steps you took to accomplish your goal.
3. How did you demonstrate various characteristics of a leader? (For example, dependability, responsibility, teamwork, problem-solving, promoting action or ideas, inspiring change, etc.)
4. How did you impact or influence others?
5. What did you learn about yourself that will enable you to continue to develop the skills of good leadership?
6. How do you see yourself acting as a leader in the future?

Reminders:

- ✓ Provide specific examples and explanations
- ✓ Use elaborate detail
- ✓ Include the elements of a reflective essay (see page 2)

Format:

- Heading including your name, Honors College advisor, and date
- **Minimum of five paragraphs** including an introduction and conclusion
- **Four hundred word minimum, five hundred word maximum**
- Document must be double spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, and 1" margins

Due Dates:

- Submit rough draft to your Honors College advisor at least two weeks prior to the final due date.
- Deadline for submitting the final draft of this document is **Friday, April 30, 2021.**



Reflective Essay Writing

The reflective essay is not a mere summary of the experience. It also includes the following:

- thoughts and feelings
- your opinion of the positive and negative aspects of the experience
- how the experience affected you
- what you learned as a result of the experience
- what you will do as a result of having had the experience

The Reflective Cycle (Gibbs, 1988)



- Helps us to look at an event, understand it, and learn from it
- Awareness of the impact of our preconceptions and personal beliefs of our understanding of events and our reaction to them

Source:

Martin, Sara Beth. "Reflective and Supportive Supervision." 2012 South Carolina Home Visiting Summit.

Department of Health and Human Services, Columbia, SC. 26 Oct. 2012. Lecture.