

Senior Capstone: Service Learning, Getting Started #1

Goals: Survey United We Serve website

Find examples of service-learning projects that you find interesting

Preview process of creating a project of your own

Begin brainstorming

Use Owl at Purdue University MLA Style Guide

Write citations for the websites surveyed

I. Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTAfHBwW2mk>.
Tell me, in your own words, what service-learning is or how it benefits students and/or others. Provide five pieces of information that you remember and put your ideas into your own words.

a.

b.

c.

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e.

II. Connect to your university's or your college's service learning program. Check out what the service-learning opportunities are at your university or college.

MSU: <http://www.servicelearning.msu.edu/students>

GVSU: <http://www.gvsu.edu/servicelearning/service-learning-definitions-11.htm>

<http://www.gvsu.edu/servicelearning/gvsu-s-commitment-to-service-learning-8.htm>

GRCC: <http://www.grcc.edu/departmentofexperientiallearning/servicelearning>

CMU: https://www.cmich.edu/office_provost/facit/Pages/service-learning.aspx

Ferris: <http://www.ferris.edu/asl/>

U of M: <http://ginsberg.umich.edu/students/undergraduate-service-learning-courses>

Write a summary of what you found and whether or not you could or would participate in their programs.

III. Go to www.serve.gov. Go to “Find Toolkits.” Browse through the toolkits, and choose two to go through in detail. Sign up on the board, so the Toolkits do not have multiple reviews among your classmates. Prepare information to present the Toolkits to your classmates.

IV. Click through the [Toolkit: Create Your Own Project](#). What are the five steps of service-learning? (Bullet point the most important parts of each step.)

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5. _____
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V. Search Serve.gov and find out what’s already happening in your community. If you see a service gap, consider creating your own project.

VI. Go to the page about Americorps. Find out what it is all about and find out what kind of financial aid you can receive if you join. Would you ever consider joining this group?
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/amicorps/amicorps-state-and-national>

VII. Go to the CNCS website and research the “Special Initiatives” tab. Record on the board the initiative that you are researching to make sure that there are not duplications in the class. Be prepared to present your information.

VIII. What is the mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)?

IX. The Corporation for National and Community Service Strategic Plan 2011-2015 states, “The needs of rural communities align with the Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, and Veterans and Military Families priorities discussed in this Plan. They are also addressed through all of CNCS’ programs.” What does this suggest about service-learning focus?

X. What is the definition of service learning?

XI. Bon Jovi - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvTE4CsVenQ> - Watch the video. How does it make you feel?