

Reflection Prompts

Reflections are designed to help you analyze your on-site work; they should include examples, tell stories, and, if commenting on a reading or a data set, include quotes and specifics. Each reflection should be 350-400 words. Upload them to your ePortfolio **BEFORE class time**. We will use your writing to frame discussions in class; it is essential that you complete them on time. Without a requested extension, no late reflections will be accepted.

Reflection #1: Self-Assessment

Take some time to look back over your group's implementation plan, consider your instructor's guidance and directives that have come out of meetings over the summer with the partner. Also, look back over your ePortfolio and your previous work in CODES. Use this reflection to write about where you left things, and what direction you think the project needs to take. Also, consider your own contribution to your learning, to your work in teams, and to CODES more broadly. What do you want to change this semester to be more successful, to learn about yourself, and to contribute more to the group? What are some practical strategies you might use this semester to be a better team and to end the semester with a useful project for the community partner?

Reflection #2: Data Collection

You have now implemented some aspect of data collection by this date. You might have distributed a survey, hosted an interview, convened a focus group, collected and analyzed archival research, or conducted an experiment. Describe the experience in detail. If you completed an annotated bibliography, perhaps you can compare what you have read about to what happened in our context. What have you learned from this process? What do you still need to learn? What has gone well or been instructive? What problems didn't you foresee? What do you wish you'd done differently?

Reflection #3: Site Experiences

You've just completed two site visits. Hopefully, you are starting to understand your partners better, building trust, engaging in the work, and learning from your mistakes. Consider your self-presentation during your visits. Have you been confident, nervous, open to ideas, quick to judge? How have your behaviors influenced the interactions you had? What do you think you are doing well? What could you do better? Give examples and tell stories.

Reflection #4: Synthesizing Reading with Experience

You have read x in preparation for class; now you can synthesize your on-site work and research with the thinking of other people who are doing similar work. How does their project align with or differ from yours? Be specific. Include quotations as evidence. What have you learned from your work that adds greater insight to theirs? What have you learned from reading about their work that might change something you've done in yours?

Reflection #5: Wrapping Up

We are coming to the end of this semester and will spend the next classes curating data for future usage in CODE320. Comment on your experiences in your on-site work. What did you learn about working with other people? What did you learn about yourself? Tell stories, be specific.