Sample Reflection Questions

1. What is your role at the community site?
2. What were your initial expectations? Have these expectations changed? How? Why?
3. What about your community involvement has been an eye-opening experience?
4. How do you motivate yourself to go to your site when you don't feel like it?
5. What specific skills have you used at your community site?
6. Describe a person you've encountered in the community who made a strong impression on you, positive or negative.
7. Do you see benefits of doing community work? Why or why not?
8. Has your view of the population with whom you have been working changed? How?
9. How has the environment and social conditions affected the people at your site?
10. What institutional structures are in place at your site or in the community? How do they affect the people you work with?
11. Has the experience affected your worldview? How?
12. Have your career options been expanded by your service experience?
13. Why does the organization you are working for exist?
14. Did anything about your community involvement surprise you? If so, what?
15. What did you do that seemed to be effective or ineffective in the community?
16. How does your understanding of the community change as a result of your participation in this project?
17. How can you continue your involvement with this group or social issue?
18. How can you educate others or raise awareness about this group or social issue?
19. What are the most difficult or satisfying parts of your work? Why?
20. Talk about any disappointments or successes of your project. What did you learn from it?
21. During your community work experience, have you dealt with being an "outsider" at your site? How does being an "outsider" differ from being an "insider"?
22. How are your values expressed through your community work?
23. What sorts of things make you feel uncomfortable when you are working in the community? Why?
24. Complete this sentence: Because of my service-learning, I am....

—Kolb, David. Experiential Learning Cycle chart.