

Learn and Serve America Video: Bringing Learning to Life

Service Learning Standard: N/A – Service Learning Basics

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Depth of Learning: Introductory

Purpose: To describe the benefits of service learning and explore examples of high quality projects.

Materials

- Learn & Service America: Bringing Learning to Life video
- Index cards

Pre-Training Prep: None

Procedure (10 minutes)

- Prior to showing the video frame it as an opportunity to see the benefits of service learning.
- Distribute index cards to each participant.
- Show the Bringing Learning to Life video and have participants write on their index cards any ideas, thoughts, striking images/phrases, etc. that come to mind while watching it.

Debrief/Reflect (5 minutes)

- What images, words or phrases did you see or hear that you associate with service learning?
- How has your perception of service learning changed now that you have seen service learning projects in action?
- What assets already exist in your school, district or organization that can support service learning?

Key Points

- High quality service learning has clearly articulated goals and is aligned with academic curriculum and programmatic goals.
- Service learning enables participants to learn how to transfer knowledge and skills from one setting to another.
- Service learning is not an “add-on” instructional method. It is a teaching strategy that can be used in any grade level for any subject.