

Veteran's Story Reflection Paper

Directions:

Write a two page reflection paper with proper grammar and spelling. This paper will be worth 25 points. Your paper should be typed and include the following:

- Information on your veteran:
 - Name, war served, location of military service, dates served in war, describe job during war
- What expectations did you have going into the interview? What was your overall experience in the interview? How did the interview meet/not meet your expectations? Explain.
- What surprised you about the stories your interviewee shared? Provide details.
- Which questions prompted the most interesting responses? Why do you think this is true?
- If you could go back and do the interview again, what questions would you add?
- Describe specific problems the veteran faced.
- How does your veteran's experience compare or contrast with what you know about the war?
- What do you think you gained from this experience? Has meeting your veteran and hearing his story changed you or made an impact on you? Explain.
- Describe at least two experiences that your veteran shared with you that made an impact on you. What parts of his story were the most memorable to you and why?

Tips/Considerations

- Be sure to write an in – depth reflection, demonstrating thought and effort.
- The experience being reflected upon should be relevant and meaningful. A good reflection paper will demonstrate a greater understanding and learning about the war, as well as the veteran's participation and sacrifice.
- A good reflection will be an analysis of how this experience contributed to a greater understanding of yourself, others, and/or the war.
- Your reflection should move beyond a simple description of your veteran's experience. You should write about what his service meant to you, make it personable.