

# STATE SEAL OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SEAL APPLICATION **Criteria 4 Student Self Reflection**



## INQUIRY

What problem(s) or issue(s) are you trying to address through the civic engagement project(s)/activities?

Why is this meaningful to you? What is your reason for choosing this problem or issue?

How do/did you intend to make a positive difference in your immediate community (such as with one's peers, class, school, neighborhood, city, etc.) or for a democratic idea, such as equity and justice?

## INVESTIGATION

What actions did you take and how did that serve your reason for engaging in this project?

How did you investigate the root causes of the problem(s)? What different sources and viewpoints did you look into as you investigated those root causes?

What new insights did you gain?

## DISCOURSE

Who did you speak with about the issue(s) and your plan to address it? How did you engage with them?

What conclusions and/or additional insights did you gain?

Did this conversation influence your perspective and or/plan? If so, how?

## INFORMED ACTION

What informed action did you take on to build awareness of the issue(s) and/or your conclusion(s)?

How did you engage with your community, institutional decision-makers, and/or governing entities (including other avenues to influence change, such as protests, consumer boycotting, etc.)?

## REFLECTION

What did you learn about yourself, the community, and how power dynamics in our society work?

How did your efforts impact the community or the common good (or not)? What else could you (or someone else) have done, or continue to do, to create deeper or more lasting change?

How did you personally grow through the project/activity (sample: "I used to think..., now I think...")?