

# State Seal of Civic Engagement

## Criteria 4: Student Self-Reflection

\*\*\*Make sure to **share your reflection with your Recommenders** to complete Criteria 5.

### Guiding Questions

1) INQUIRE:

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

b. Why is this meaningful to you? What is your reason for choosing this problem/issue?

2) INVESTIGATE:

a. What are the potential root causes of the problem/s?

b. What organizations or agencies are already attempting to address the problem? What are they doing?

	<p>c. How many sources did you investigate? How were the viewpoints similar or different from one another?</p>
3) <u>INFORMED ACTION:</u>	<p>a. What is the intended outcome or impact?</p>
	<p>b. What informed action/s did you take to make long-term change in policy or change in action?</p>
4) <u>DISCOURSE:</u>	<p>a. With whom did you speak (decision-maker) about the issue and your plan to address that issue? How did you engage with them?</p>
	<p>b. How did this conversation influence your perspective and/or plan?</p>

5) REFLECT

a. How did your efforts impact the community? If your plan was not successful, which it may not have been, what else could you have done to create deeper or more lasting change?

b. What did you learn about engaging with decision-makers and/or government?

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