5A: Volunteering vs. Service Learning

What does it mean to volunteer?

giving of oneself without any intended personal gain

donating one’s time to support others or a cause.

unconditional giving

just wanting to help make a community better

engagement in activities where the emphasis is on a service provided and a recipient

What does service learning mean?

refers to a way of teaching, combining curriculum with providing service to the community.

supports learning from experience.

creates a connection to civic responsibility

students learning and developing through active participation in an organized experience

students benefiting from structured reflection linked to curriculum and a service experience

How are the two connected?

Service learning is a combination of learning objectives and a service experience, whereas volunteering does not require a specific connection to the curriculum or formal plan initiated and supported at the classroom level. Service learning and volunteering are closely related, but service learning requires a volunteer commitment by students to fulfill the objective of the experience.

5B: Pre-/Post-Test on Volunteering

1. List six reasons why you should volunteer.

2. What are four features of the best volunteer experiences?

3. What does volunteering mean to you?

4. What do we get in return for giving our time?

5C: Log for Volunteer Hours

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