

Sample English 102 Assignment | Partnered Observation

Assignment Overview and Purpose:

For this assignment, you will work in partners to complete observations of two sites—one designated by each partner—in order to get at some of the things you *don't* see when you do your observations. That means that you will be introducing each other to an everyday site of your choice, preferably one for which you have already completed an entry. You will complete two new log entries for this assignment: one for the site your partner introduced to you and another, which is a second observation of your site. Once you have written these entries, you will share them with your partner and discuss them together, noting the similarities and differences in your observations. You will also turn in a 2-3-page reflection that:

- Indicates the sites you visited
- Briefly summarizes what you observed
- Discusses how your observations of each site differed from your partner's observations—what didn't you see or notice that your partner did?
- Analyzes what the experience says about the partiality of perspective

Aside from being an exercise in perspective, this assignment is meant to help you understand the ways in which experiencing new sites can affect your writing process, as well as your understanding of place and space.

Audience

Your audience for your log entries is still you, but your audience for the additional reflection will be me. I am interested in hearing about your experience of visiting a new site, as well as how your observations of each site compared to your partner's. I am also interested in how you see and understand these differences in perspective.

Grading Criteria

I will evaluate your reflection on the organization and development of your ideas, including your descriptions of each site and your discussion of your and your partner's perspectives. Your reflection should demonstrate an understanding of your rhetorical situation (particularly audience and purpose) and should be edited to the best of your ability.

Guiding Questions

To help you as you write your reflection, you may reference the following guiding questions:

- Where did you choose to take your partner and why?
- Where did your partner choose to take you? Describe the site visually and spatially.
- What did you notice at each site? How did your observations differ from your partner's? How were they similar?
- What factors might have accounted for these differences in perspective?
- What did this experience teach you about perspective? How might this experience inform your future log entries?