**Reflecting on Your Bass Connections Experience**

We encourage studentsto reflect on what they have learned from their Bass Connections experience. Reflection can be indispensable to the learning process—helping you consolidate your experience and articulate what you have learned and how you’ve grown. This in turn can help you communicate what your team did and what skills you developed to future employers or graduate school admissions boards, etc.

Reflections can take many forms, such as text, photo essays, interviews, videos, presentations and podcasts. Your team could also opt to do a collaborative reflection.

We encourage you to brainstorm reflection ideas and/or share your completed reflections with Meghan O’Neil (mmo12@duke.edu), assistant director of Bass Connections. She can help you shape your work and, with your permission, post it to our website for sharing with members of the Bass Connections community and beyond.

We also encourage you to [browse](http://dukebassconnections.tumblr.com/) the growing collection of reflections on the Bass Connections website. This may give you ideas that can guide your own reflective process.

To help you begin, we’ve suggested a few ***optional*** prompts below.

* What is your major/program? What is your Bass Connections project team, summer program or course?
* Why did you decide to pursue this experience, and how does it connect to your interests?
* How has this learning experience differed from other learning experiences that you have participated in? Did you discover anything new about how you learn or how you engage with a team?
* What was your role on the team? How did you work with undergraduates/graduate students/postdocs/faculty on the team and how did you benefit from that experience?
* What impact has this experience had on you and your future plans? Did you uncover new interests; discover something you do (or do not) want to do; gain important new knowledge or shift your perspective on a question or problem; make an important network connection; create a product such as a published article?
* What challenges did you, or your team, face? How did you address these challenges, and what did you learn from that experience?
* What was the most rewarding aspect of your Bass Connections experience? What was most surprising?

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