



# Reflective Writing

DESN 24427 Design Strategy & Computation

# What is reflection?

- Reflection is a form of thinking that deals with more complex or unstructured issues in a considered manner
  - *For example 'making sense of ideas, or 're-ordering thoughts'*
- Everyone is capable of reflection, but not everyone makes a habit of doing it in a conscious manner

**Why is reflection important  
in your design practice?**

# Why do we reflect?

- We are trying to make sense of how diverse ideas fit together
- When we are trying to relate new ideas to what we already know
- When new ideas challenge what we already know

# Examples of Reflection

**What is  
difference  
between the 4  
examples?**

# Reflection Rubric

5 Exceptional	4 Very Good	3 Satisfactory	2 Developing	1 Unsatisfactory
Responses include integration of new learning into one’s identity, informing future perceptions, emotions, attitudes, insights, meanings, and actions. Conveys a clear sense of a breakthrough.	Responses include exploration and critique of assumptions, values, beliefs, and/or biases, and the consequences of action (present and future).	Responses show movement beyond reporting or descriptive writing to reflecting (i.e., attempting to understand, question, or analyze the event).	Responses are elaborated descriptive writing approach and impressions without reflection.	Responses are superficial descriptive writing approach (fact reporting, vague impressions) without reflection or introspection.