

ENGL 104

Unit 4 Individual Project Template

Name: _____ **Sample** _____

Date: _____

Directions: Imagine you are applying for your dream job. As part of your application, the employer asks you to submit a personal values statement in which you describe how you demonstrate one of the company's core values.

The company's core values include the following:

- Accountability
- Dedication
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Perseverance
- Respect
- Service

Select a core value from the list above, and using the template provided, write a personal value statement that describes how you demonstrate that core value in your own life.

Your personal value statement should consist of at least 3 paragraphs and should accomplish the following:

- Identify which core value you are writing about.
- Describe how you demonstrate this value using an experience from your own life.
- Explain why this experience makes you a good fit for the company.

Personal Value Statement on Service

All of the company's core values on your Web site are important, but I believe that *service* is the most important value; in my opinion, service encompasses all of the other values. To truly serve your coworkers, managers, and most importantly, customers, you need to have internalized the other core values, such as honesty, dedication, respect, and perseverance. If you do not have these, you cannot really serve others. In my own life, I have had many experiences that demonstrate the core value of service.

The most recent example of service in my life occurred by accident. I was not planning on serving my neighbor that day, but I ended up helping her all day, putting my own needs on hold. She is an elderly woman and had started a yardwork project, but she had clearly bitten off more than she could chew. I came home from the grocery store and noticed her in her yard when I got out of the car. My children came out of the house to help me bring groceries in, and while they were doing that, I decided to go over and talk to her. As it turns out, she was expecting company—her kids from out of state—that weekend, and she was trying to redo some of her landscaping. She had started moving all of her materials, which included bags of topsoil and rocks, out to her yard and was worn out and just sitting on her porch. I offered to help and told her that I could get my teenagers to help and that we would get it done quickly.

To me, service is not just about me doing things to help others; it is getting the whole team involved and motivating them to also serve. My teenagers and I ended up spending a couple of hours spreading the rocks for her and pouring the bags of topsoil into the big flower pots that she had in front of her porch. Then, we discovered that she had planned to weed another rock bed so that it looked neat and clean. We could not let her do that all by herself, so we stayed and did that, too. At the end of the day, I was grateful for the opportunity to serve my neighbor and to set a good example for my own children. I believe I can also bring this same commitment to service to your company and not only serve your customers but also motivate my coworkers to serve better.