

A Guide to Engaging with a New Community:
Student Handout

Prepare	Who is your target community?	
	Where can you find them?	
	What kinds of activities or conversation topics do they enjoy?	
	Based on your response to the above question, what are some phrases and vocabulary words you might want to be familiar with?	
Interact	Plan a day and time to meet with your target group	
Document	What kinds of things did you talk about	
	What language did you use	
	How did they react to what you said?	
	Any specific examples?	
Reflect	What did you say/do?	

	How did others react?	
	How did community members interact with one another? What did they say/do?	
	Overall, how did the interaction go?	
	How did you feel after the interaction? Why?	
	Would you say/do the same thing next time? Why or why not	
	What might you do differently next time? What might you do the same?	
	What are some areas for improvement and how will you go about improving them? What strengths do you want to keep developing?	