As a JEP student, your work in the community is similar to that of a social scientist who conducts “participant-observer” research. Throughout the course of the semester, you will observe and participate in the daily activities of those you meet at your JEP site, and you will write about your experiences on a weekly basis. These JEP Reflective Questions are designed to help you focus your observations and critically reflect on your experiences in relation to what you are learning about in your Sociology course.

Please read your Reflective Questions prior to going to your JEP site on the week the assignment is due. Then, as soon as possible after leaving your JEP site, write down as much as you can about your experiences, especially that which is related to social stratification and education. The “field note” writing will help you write in responses to the Reflective Questions that follow. The questions are related to and build upon one other. We encourage you to refer back to previous responses and to take seriously your PA’s feedback each week. Doing so will help you to learn more from your experiences. Please be respectful of the community and mindful of the limits of your experience and knowledge. Avoid generalizations and psychological explanations of behavior, focusing instead on writing detailed and concrete accounts of people, social settings and conversations (including direct quotes, when possible).

YOUR ASSIGNMENTS
The core parts of each Reflection Question (which you need to focus on) are highlighted in bold. Use the additional parts of the question to guide/supplement your answer.

ASSIGNMENT TWO: 1:1 Chats: Discuss Questions, Issues, and Concerns
This week you will be meeting one-on-one with your Program Assistant to talk about your experiences in JEP. In place of a full-length journal assignment this week, we ask that you take a few minutes to write down any questions, comments or concerns that you have about your JEP assignment so far. For example, what are your tasks at the site and how are you adjusting to your new role? How are you relating to the people at your site? Are you having any problems with any of the logistical aspects of your assignment (e.g., schedule, transportation, Blackboard access, etc.)? Please submit your comments (approximately a paragraph) the same way you would submit any other journal through Blackboard. Rather than providing written comments, your PA will discuss the issues with you during your “chat.”