

# *Post-trip* reflection template for teachers

Use these post-trip reflection questions to guide you in thinking about your experience travelling with your students. Begin with overall impressions, move to consideration of your teaching practice and impact on students, and end by looking ahead to how your experiences will impact future travel and teaching. Feel free to answer in the ways that make the most sense to you, including writing, making lists, or drawing.

## Overall reflections

- Describe your journey. From where did you depart? What was your mode of travel? What was your destination? What stops did you make? Consider annotating a map from your travels to help answer this question.
- What moments with students stood out to you and why?
- What sites were most impactful and why?
- What surprised you?
- What would you do differently?
- What do you wish you knew before you left?

## Informing your teaching practice

- What instructional strategies did you learn from your Tour Director?
- How can you incorporate them in your classroom?
- What did you learn from seeing your chaperones engage with your students outside the classroom?
- What did you learn about how your students learn?
- How did you build community with your students on the trip?
- How can you continue to engage your students with the sites and experiences they had on tour (now that you are back)?
- How can you bring the best parts of your trip back to the classroom?

## Student considerations

- What needs to be retaught?
- What did you learn about your students?
- In what ways did you witness students growth?
- Did you see a different side of some of your students that you wouldn't see in school? Explain.

## Personal growth

- What did you learn about yourself that surprised you?
- Do you think your students saw a different side of you? How might that further engagement/build classroom community?

## Looking ahead

- Is there a site/destination that you wished you had visited that you would like to add to the itinerary for next year?
- Is there a site/destination you would like to remove from next year's itinerary?
- How can you use pictures and testimonials to build excitement for future trips?
- How can you continue the engagement with your chaperones to maintain excitement?

## Resources

- Did you use the educational worksheets? Which parts did you use and how?
- What additional resources do you wish you had? What additional resources did you find?

