

## Writing Assignment -- Sections 3 & 4 of PLA Essay 1

In the second stage, you will add to the work you have already done on your first PLA essay by completing the second two sections of the Kolb model: Abstract Concepts/Generalizations and Applying Concepts in New Situations. The learning outcomes focused on in section 3 are often the most challenging part of the PLA essay to write, and they are also the most important. You will need 3-5 college-level learning outcomes in section 3; these concepts need to be abstract, so think beyond "I learned to...". How can you communicate what you learned in such a way that it could be taught in a college course? Look at the [PLA Student Guide](#) for examples of college course outcomes. These are what the PLA evaluators look at to determine if your experience should gain credit or not; these are what show you interpreted your experience and it taught you valuable insights, worth college credit.

Spend time on the fourth section as well, applying each of your learning outcomes to new situations. Refer to the [PLA Student Guide](#), the PLA Essay Template, and the [PLA Assessment Sheet](#) if you are uncertain about how to proceed with these particular sections.

Add these final two sections to the first two already-written sections of your paper. Each section should be about two pages long, which means your PLA essay should be 8-10 pages when finished. I will ONLY look at the final two sections of your paper and provide feedback on those sections.

**Purpose:** To explore the learning outcomes of a particular personal experience and application of those learning outcomes to other experiences.

**Audience:** Your professor, and eventually, a GFU faculty expert.

**Due date:** Sunday, July 16. This paper should be in APA format (font, margins, etc., with a clear title page). Make sure to use the section headings as indicated on the [PLA Essay Template](#).