SAMPLE - SENIOR PROJECT PROPOSAL

I have chosen to do my senior project on assisted living in the city of Philadelphia. Assisted living facilities have been popping up everywhere in our community and I am extremely interested in their effectiveness in meeting the needs of seniors. I have grandparents who are aging and I am particularly concerned about their future. Caring for seniors has always been an important issue in our country. It appears that our community is dealing with this issue by creating assisted living situations. My essential question which will guide my research is Are assisted living facilities meeting the needs of seniors in our community?"

The service learning component of my project will be met through my personal visits to various assisted living facilities. I plan to observe, ask questions, and hopefully speak to several residents and their families. I will look on line for information regarding price, age limits, activities, and daily routines of these homes. I am interested in learning why these homes are becoming so popular. Hopefully, through my visits with seniors, I will learn not only about these homes, but about what it is like to grow older and have to live in this type of situation.

For my product I hope to be able to write a magazine article which would provide the public with the truth about assisted living. As of now, I do not know if the truth is positive or negative. However, I plan to learn this through my investigation and I plan to share this with my peers during my presentation. All of our parents and guardians will grow older eventually and I want to make sure we all are able to make informed decisions about their health and happiness.