

Self-reflection Questions

- 1. What past experiences do I associate with schools and other learning sites? Learning? Reading?** *Go back to your earliest memory of school. What was it like? Were you always successful in school? Recall some of your successes. Who helped you learn? Recall a difficult time with learning. What effect did it have on you? Did an adult help?*
- 2. What are my current experiences and associations with schools and learning sites? As a learner? As a parent? As a community member?** *How much do you know about the way schools work? Do you have insight into the concerns of school staff, students, and parents? What is it that drives their day? Do you have a positive attitude about most school people?*
- 3. What is my attraction to and personal interest in this work? Do I have a sense of mission?** *Why do you want to do this job? What personal reward do you see yourself obtaining from this work? Do you understand the program's mission? How is it like your personal mission? How is it different?*
- 4. What knowledge and skills do I bring to this work?** *Do you have experience working with children? What do you know about tutoring or literacy? Have you ever taught someone to read? Your child, a grandchild, or a sibling? Have you ever tutored as part of a service project? What do you do in "everyday life" that you can bring to this work?*
- 5. What are my beliefs about education, school settings, learning environment, teaching, and children?** *How do you feel about the education system today? What have you read about education today? Is it positive or negative? How do you view teaching? What do you believe about how children learn? What do you think children need most to be successful learners? How can you best assist the school?*
- 6. What beliefs or characteristics do I hold or have that will help or hinder this project?** *Looking at your responses to the first five questions, are there any answers that speak to this question? What are your concerns or fears relative to this project? Are you flexible? Have you previously worked in a diverse setting?*