Template for a Positive Learning Contract

The purpose of a positive learning contract is to establish a mission for you and your team. It’s important for you to know that everyone is working together and that everyone is there to help you. Positive learning contracts create an intention for the trip and, even if we don’t always meet our goals, serve as a compass to keep us motivated and on track.

Visualization

Take a moment to write down what the ideal trip would look like for you. What kinds of activity would you do? What would you learn? What kind of person do you want to be on this trip? How would you relate to others in the group?

My ideal trip would look like…

Team Values

As a group, brainstorm values you and your team will embody as you travel together.

Once you’ve thought about values, try writing a mission statement that encompasses them – for example,

**Values: curiosity, respect, teamwork, enthusiasm**

Mission statement: We agree to work together, to encourage one another to explore and take full advantage of the opportunities this trip affords us. This means including everyone in the group, helping each other to stay on track and to speak English during the trip. We also agree to respect our own differences and the differences in the culture we encounter.

My personal objectives

Think about what it is you’d like to accomplish on this trip under the following four headings:

Language learning:

X

Learning about culture and new skills:

X

Learning about living in a group:

X

Learning about myself:

X

Now, use your goals complete the following table

| GoalDescribe the most important goals here | Action PlanName specific activities that will help you to achieve your goal | MeasurementHow will you knowif you’ve reached your goal? What are the indicators? | HalfwayCheck-inHow are you doing in terms of your goal? Are there modifications you’d like to make? | Final ResultDid you achieve your goal? What did you learn? |
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| Goal #1 | X | X | X | X |
| Goal #2 | X | X | X | X |
| Goal #3 | X | X | X | X |
| Goal #4 | X | X | X | X |

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