

Assignments

Week 1

Journal/Learning Log

As part of leadership development and to keep the learning on a conscious level you are required to keep a leadership journal. The intention of the journal is to track insights, key learnings, explore specific questions, roots of values and belief systems as a base. It is to capture thoughts, ideas on personal leadership development.

Complete the following Reflective exercises using your text book The Leadership Manual. These exercises will be completed in your journal and submitted as part of your journal at the end of the course.

1. Reflective Suitcase Exercise pg 15
2. Practicing Suitcase: pg 48
3. Reflective Suitcase Exercise pg 63
4. Reflective Suitcase Exercise pg 88
5. Reflective Suitcase Exercise pg 100
6. Reflective Suitcase Exercise pg 106
7. Practicing Suitcase Exercise pg 118
8. Practicing Suitcase Exercise pg 141
9. Reflective Suitcase Exercise pg 171
10. Practicing Suitcase Exercise pg 200
11. Reflective Suitcase Exercise pg 262-263
12. Practicing Suitcase Exercise pg 332

Assignment 1: What Went Well?

Marks: 15

Approximately 1-2 pages

1. Structure a gathering or meeting for a group of 2 or more people.
2. Ask the question at the beginning of the gathering or meeting, "What's going well?"
3. Observe and note any reactions to the questions.

In a written summary to be handed in, include the following:

1. Describe the meeting situation and purpose.
2. Note the observations that you made on the reactions to the question.
4. Make at least 3 recommendations that would assist the group in becoming more comfortable with the question, "What's going well?"
5. Compare the group's reaction to your own reaction to the question "What going well?" Discuss the similarities and/or differences and comment on why you think there were similarities and/or differences. Discuss any related miscellaneous issues associated with this exercise.
6. Describe what benefits you could enjoy in the workplace if the question, "What's going well?" was asked on a regular basis.

Week 2

Assignment #3: Analysis

Marks: 25

Length as needed.

Conflict Management Analysis: Analyze it using the models and discussions. Pg.324 Inventory

OR

Team Work Analysis: A review of team work in past work experiences and the analysis of the same.

OR

Change Management: The dynamics of change on your self and the implications for change management effectiveness in the future: an analysis of.

Assignment #4: Article Review

Marks 25

Length: No longer than 3 pages

Learning Objective & Outcomes:

1. To review various articles on leadership
2. To examine various approaches to leadership
3. To determine why leadership is so important in today's environment
4. To compare the leadership approaches within the articles against your own organization's leadership approach/philosophy.

Exercise:

1. Pick 3 articles on leadership – these may be from any journal or internet site. (ie. Fastcompany.com but not your reading binder).
2. Choose one of the 3 articles and summarize the key points on leadership.
3. Discuss why the concepts or points that you have picked out are important from your perspective in today's business environment.
4. Compare the leadership concepts against the leadership styles used in your organization. Are they similar or dissimilar? Would they work, yes or no, why or why not? What would the implications be for your organization to adopt the leadership concepts you have written about; discuss.

Please bring all 3 articles to discuss in class.
