

Identify and Explain Strengths: Analyze and explain your greatest strengths as a leader.
 Provide specific examples from your life experiences that showcase these strengths.
 Reference the leadership self-assessment tests completed in week 2.

Creating boundaries

- Building and establishing strong healthy boundaries helps me create concise limits in what my thresholds are. Examples are work-life balance, expectations, personal expectations, and time management. It enables me to lead effectively without compromising myself or my values, and for the team to operate efficiently too. This is vital to preventing things such as burnout. This strength allows me to promote well-being while maintaining authenticity in my leadership.
- Example: Personal Boundaries: There was a time where a colleague wanted me
 to take a project home to complete. Allowing this to happen once would open a
 can of worms where others may intrude on my personal time and values. I
 diplomatically communicated that I was open to discussing work related matters
 at work, but otherwise keep my personal life and work life separate.

Integrity

- O Having a clear moral compass is a fundamental characteristic of being an authentic and ethical leader. 16Personalities's personality test indicates that Consul type personalities believe there is right and wrong which is based on the trust in established laws and protocols that help navigate lives in a responsible and considerate way (Limited, 2022a). I would say this is very accurate. It surprises me when other people's actions do not align. I believe integrity paves the foundation for making ethical choices, maintaining integrity, and instilling trust and respect among a team. I also believe the integrity as a leader correlates with the integrity of human beings. Personal values and beliefs always find a way into leadership.
- Example: Resolving Ethical Conflicts: Two colleagues in the workplace had conflicting views on what the outcome of a project should be. Their ideas did not align with the organization, so I stepped in to facilitate a discussion that would honour and focus on the organization's long-term goals and values. I made sure to carefully approach this with fairness and neutrality while listening to the needs and wants of each side that the entire team would support.

2. **Areas for Improvement:** Identify and analyze aspects of your leadership that require attention and improvement to align with your desired leadership style.

- Gradually transitioning from conformer into independent thinking
 - Self-awareness: reflecting on the fears/anxiety that drive me to agree with everyone else. Is it rational or irrational?
 - Challenge assumptions: Build up courage to ask critical questions to further understand the point of view of others. Also question my own assumptions
 - o Identify values: Take time to reflect on own values and beliefs to have a solid foundation for decision making that aligns with authentic self.
 - Seek diverse perspectives: engage with people who have different backgrounds and experiences. Can help broaden my own perspective.
 - Start small: Express my opinion and ideas where I feel safe and heard. Take baby steps to expand my willingness to speak up to build confidence.
 - The goal is not to reject all ideas that I do not agree with, but rather make independent decisions and expand my capacity to express my genuine and authentic pov.
- 3. **Leadership Philosophy:** Discuss your current leadership philosophy and how you apply it within your organization/community. Support your discussion with specific examples from your work, volunteering, and life experiences.

My current leadership philosophy revolves around my core values of integrity, service, and building relationships.

Inclusivity

- I strive to create an atmosphere where everyone's voices and values are heard. I
 actively engage with people with different experiences and seek input from
 diverse perspectives.
- Example: Solving conflicts amicably by facilitating open discussion that encourages people to speak up and express their concern. Emphasize that we all have a common goal, and we want to move forward together. Find common ground.
- Service (servant leadership)
 - I am always willing to go the extra mile to see my peers succeed. I want to help empower others to do the same.
 - Example: Getting down to the nitty gritty in my afterschool program and actively helping in tasks rather than solely delegating. I want to motivate young children to adopt a hands-on approach and actively participate.

Integrity

 I strongly believe in leading with integrity and honesty to set a strong and positive example for all. I uphold the ethical standards I expect from those who are my leaders and to those who I lead. Example: I always refer to the organization's mission, vision, goals, and beliefs
when faced with difficult decisions that involve ethical considerations. It is also
important I do this to reinforce the importance of integrity among my peers and
colleagues, as well as earning the respect of the children in my programs. I want
to set these young minds for success.

References:

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