

Exercise #1

Analyzing Past Experience

In this exercise you will analyze a leadership opportunity you have experienced. We will discuss factors that led to success and what you learned from the experience.

Instructions: Think of an activity or project, preferably but not necessarily in the library context, where you were asked to be the leader or you assumed leadership without being asked. Pick a project that was challenging and a risk to you. Answer the following questions.

- 1. Briefly describe the project and the challenge it was for you. What was the risk you were taking?**

- 2. What went right with this activity for you? How did you bring this about?**

- 3. What went wrong with this activity for you? Why do you think that happened?**

- 4. How did this experience make you feel? What did you learn about yourself?**

- 5. Did your experience build competence and/or confidence? If so, how?**

- 6. Who could you have networked with on the project?**

- 7. How would you handle this assignment differently in the future?**

- 8. How would you apply what you learned in future leadership opportunities?**