

Thread: Assessing leadership role
Post: [Assessing leadership role](#)
Author: Linda Howerton

Posted Date: January 27, 2008 7:34 PM
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1. [Assess your role within the cohort? Did you choose this role or was this role ascribed to you? Explain.](#)

In our group, I have been characterized as the "leader". This role was both ascribed to me and chosen by me when I volunteer to take the lead on assignments. I am happiest when I have a project to orchestrate.

2. [Describe your leadership qualities.](#)

I enjoy seeing a project through from planning to execution. I see an assignment as a challenge and I do not procrastinate. I also have the ability to see the big picture and can make others understand how all the pieces will fit together. I am responsible, diligent, organized, and enjoy collaborating with others to reach our objectives on an assignment.

3. [Assess what leadership roles you have and haven't taken within the cohort. Why did you make the choices you did to lead or not lead?](#)

I have taken on numerous leadership roles mostly because I feel that I am in the best position in my personal life to take on many tasks. Many of my fellow students have work and family obligations that vie for their time outside of class. I admire their dedication to completing their education while juggling family and work. I also enjoy creating and designing visual elements for assignments.

When I have held back and let others take the initiative I have had to trust that they would follow through and get the job done. I hold myself to high standards and it is hard sometimes to work with people who have a more laid back attitude about assignments.

4. [Assess the possibilities for leadership in the cohort environment; how will you choose to respond to these possibilities? What risks are there?](#)

In this cohort, we have many people who are leaders with extremely strong personalities and we have several passive personalities who do not want to take on the lead role. This doesn't mean that they contribute less only that they have a different style of accomplishing a task. I have never worried about the risks of leadership. No matter how hard I work on an assignment, someone will find fault with it. I can not make anyone happy but myself and I always give 110% to anything I do.

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Thread: Assessing leadership role
Post: [RE: Assessing leadership role](#)
Author: Teresa Mason

Posted Date: January 27, 2008 10:09 PM
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Linda,

I would have very much enjoyed being in a group with you. I admire how you synthesize the information, how you see the individual colors in a blank piece of paper, and how you make it all come together at the end.

We are very lucky to be able to call you our leader.

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Thread: Assessing leadership role
Post: [RE: Assessing leadership role](#)
Author: Frank Kilgore

Posted Date: January 28, 2008 3:55 PM
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Linda,

I agree that your role was ascribed as being our leader. I think that you do enjoy having a project to work on and I think that your organizational skills are amazing. I for one appreciate all that you have done for this group. I hope you are taking care of yourself too.

Adam

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Post: [RE: Assessing leadership role](#)
Author: Frank Kilgore

Posted Date: February 2, 2008
4:49 PM
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Linda,

You have been our leader through this whole journey. Everyone expects you to lead and to be the strong and if you are involved no one worries that whatever it is you are doing will be perfect and girl it always is. I cant imagine as anything but our leader. Your work ethic and intelligence make leave me in awe sometimes.

Lovin' You,

Adam

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Thread: Assessing leadership role
Post: [RE: Assessing leadership role](#)
Author: Joan Benefield

Posted Date: January 28, 2008
4:48 PM
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Linda,

It's true that everyone looks to you to lead the group, and you always agree with a willing spirit. I know that you have worked tremendously hard, and you deserve every excellent grade and honor that you have received. I wish you well in the future; whatever you do, you will be sure to succeed!

Joan

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Post: [RE: Assessing leadership role](#)
Author: Anna Maxwell

Posted Date: January 28, 2008
8:17 PM
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Not only do you have wonderful leadership abilities, but you self critique well too, in my opinion. You have been a blessing to everyone in this cohort and you aren't thanked enough. I hope you know how much we all appreciate your hard work. You should try to take the opportunity to say no more often, though.

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Thread: Assessing leadership role
Post: [RE: Assessing leadership role](#)
Author: Amy Simpson

Posted Date: January 29, 2008
9:29 AM
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Linda!

What would we do without you? You are always trying to keep us on task and up-to-date with new information about assignments, seminars and whatever else we need to know. On top of that, you are one of the most genuine people I've met.

I think one of the things I've noticed about your leadership abilities is that you are very diplomatic. I think this is something that can be very difficult in certain situations but you seem to do it with ease.

We, as a cohort, are very lucky to have you as our unofficial leader, but I, personally, am very lucky to have you as a friend. Thank you for everything that you do.

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Post: [RE: Assessing leadership role](#)
Author: Angela Betts

Posted Date: January 29, 2008
2:45 PM
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Linda, Your ability to lead our group was apparent from the very beginning. I don't think I could say it enough - how lucky I am to have met you. It took a group effort to fill your shoes at the Truth Commission and even then I am sure there are things that could have run more smoothly. I have always looked forward to being in groups with you because I hoped to glean a bit of your leadership skill with each meeting. But you have brought so much more to our group than just leadership, you have such a nurturing spirit that always seems to care. We love you and will miss you when we all part ways.

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Thread: Assessing leadership role
Post: [RE: Assessing leadership role](#)
Author: Jennifer Hiefnar

Posted Date: January 29, 2008
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Oh Linder,

How we love you so. You are wonderful leader that I admire very much. Sometimes, though, I feel as you get put into that position without really wanting it and that is why I do try to make myself available since we live in the same town. I appreciate you very much.

Jen

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Thread: Assessing leadership role
Post: [RE: Assessing leadership role](#)
Author: Amber Lawson

Posted Date: January 31, 2008
12:10 AM
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Linda,

I have enjoyed so much getting to know you better since we've come over to UTC from Cleveland State. I think that everyone who is around you can just sense your natural leadership abilities. I have seen you do so much over the past few years, from Phi Theta Kappa to the Student Social Work Organization and much MUCH more - you never cease to impress me. I respect you so much, and just as I know every other person in this cohort is, I am truly grateful for all you've done for us and your willingness to step up and take on more than your share when others can't or won't. I am glad to have gotten to work with you in several small groups; you always have so much to contribute, and I very much value your opinions and insight. And, mostly, I am glad to have gotten to know you as a friend.

Amber

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