

QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP

Imagine This!

Your group is preparing for a service project, but other than handing out assignments, your leader hasn't contributed much. It's all good until the budget committee chair drops out. Your leader asks you to take over. You already chair the largest committee—community relations—and you think the leader has more time than you. What will you do?

IN A NUTSHELL



What do you think of leaders who ask team members to do something that they themselves wouldn't do? Are there ever times when this is perfectly acceptable? If so, when and why?

WORKING WITH OTHERS

When selecting new members for a team, should the leader be able to exclude others because she or he doesn't like them?



STUCK?

Consider the benefits and drawbacks of having a team made up of diverse personalities—even those who the leader finds it difficult to work with. What if the person being considered is truly respected by others on the team? Who should have final say? Have you ever encountered this situation, either as a team leader or as a team member?

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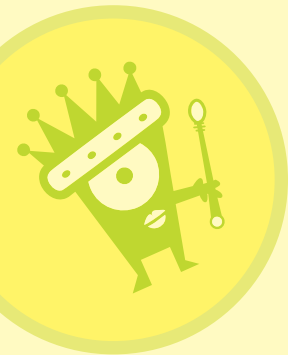
AWARENESS

In what ways are you brave?



POWER PLAY

How well do you take direction from others? If you disagree with the guidance of your leader, how do you typically respond?



CREATIVE THINKING AND RISK TAKING

When a leader has made a mistake, what should she or he do to fix the situation? Are your expectations different for different kinds of mistakes (like how serious the mistake is, or whether people are hurt by it)? Share an example of how a leader dealt with her or his mistake and what the outcome was (or could have been had the leader responded differently).



SOCIAL

ISSUES

Is there ever a time or situation where journalists should be able to express their own opinions? If so, when is it? Are there examples where a journalist or television anchor has shifted from being an unbiased informer to becoming an entertainer? If so, what do you think of this shift?



COMMUNICATION

How do you know when a secret shouldn't be kept?



STUCK?

You can probably find a pro and con to telling most secrets. Some secrets do no harm—like sharing a silly talent or accidentally exposing the surprise outcome of a book. But keeping some secrets can cause harm—like knowing a friend has an eating disorder or is using drugs. How do you decide if and when to share these secrets? Is keeping a friend more important than protecting that person? How do you find the right person with whom to share a secret?

DOING THE RIGHT THING

Imagine This!

When applying for a restaurant job, you accidentally write your birth date wrong, making you a year older. Later, when the manager offers you the job, you discover that being older means you can work nights, earning better tips than you would on day shifts. What's more, you suspect the manager wouldn't offer you any job at all if you were younger. What will you do?

IN A NUTSHELL



What happens when a simple mistake evolves into bigger lies? How can the record be set straight? What keeps some people from doing so?

LEADERSHIP

THROUGH TIME

Some people claim history is simply a long list of the mistakes and failures of generations of people. Others believe it is a keeping of the record of amazing human accomplishments. What do you think? Think of a leader you admire. What do you think that person would say?

