Leadership Interview Assignment

1. Select a school, family, or community leader to interview. This person should be someone that is respected and viewed as an effective and/or exemplary leader in an organization. Approve your leader with your teacher prior to moving to the next step.

2. Contact the leader and determine a date and time for the interview. This should be an in-person or phone interview but not an e-mail interview. It is important for there to be dialogue between both parties rather than sending a list of questions through e-mail.

3. Look at the list of questions provided and create three of your own questions you would like answered. Questions should be open-ended (require more than a one word answer) and relate to the Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership, specifically enable others to act.

4. Conduct the interview and take notes. Be sure to include the date, time, and location of the interview.

5. Write a one-page reflection on what you learned from your leadership interview. This should not be a repeat of the question/answers asked in the interview, but an overview of what you learned and how you can use this information in your own leadership experiences.

What you will turn in:
- Three original questions
- Notes from interview (question and answer)
- One-page reflection

Be prepared to share your interview and reflection in class.

Interview Questions:
- What does leadership mean to you?
- What strengths do you believe you have as a leader? Weaknesses?
- What has been your greatest influence as a leader?
- Leaders make other people feel strong and confident. What do you do to help others feel this way?
- Do you feel it’s important to delegate? If so, why? When is a good time to delegate?
- What are three or four actions you believe are essential to enable others to be successful?
- What advice do you have for building relationships and trust in an organization?

Insert your questions here: