

iLEADER

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Paper Airplanes

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supplies:

- Several sheets of 8.5X11 paper for each team
- Tape – to create a start and finish line
- Divide participants into partners

Instruct the team to design the best paper airplane possible. They will have 5-7 minutes to create their plane. The object is for the pilot (standing behind the start line) to fly the plane to the co-pilot (standing behind the finish line). Do not elaborate on the instructions.

Give the teams 5-7 minutes to create their plane. They can use as many sheets of paper as they want. When time is called, have the pilots and co-pilots line up across from each other behind the appropriate start and finish line. Instruct them to launch their planes when you say "BLAST OFF."

Once they have been launched, ask them if they would like a few moments to collaborate with their co-pilot to make modifications. Give them 2-3 minutes to discuss and re-group.

Line them up and BLAST OFF again. After the second attempt, have participants sit with their partner and plane and facilitate a discussion based on the following questions:

- What was your first course of action when you were given your paper? Did you discuss flying strategies, spend time discussing how each of you interpreted the directions or immediately begin making planes?
- What leadership skills were needed to make this event a success?
- Did you feel confident in your first plan?
- If your first plan was not successful, what were the first modifications you made to your plan? Was it to re-evaluate the plan or re-model the plane?

The debrief for this activity can be found on the following page!

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