

Identify resources: Through various means (Amazon, various scholastic publishers, Galileo, etc.) the student will engage in research to identify and briefly summarize (in one or two paragraphs from book reviews) four books written by acknowledged authorities in the field related to the *contemporary leadership issue* he or she has identified and submit that list in proper APA “References” format as a document in the assignments “dropbox.” The instructor will choose one book from that list which the student will use to review and critique for this course. The book review and critique will be submitted in week 6.

Book Review

Book Title: The Student Leadership Challenge

Authors: James Kouzes and Barry Posner

Copyright: 2018

Publisher: Wiley, San Francisco, CA

Summary

This book consists of 10 Chapters and 309 pages. This book is focused on making extraordinary things happen with others. Since the book is focused on leadership the art of leadership is about influencing others to perform for an organization as well as for themselves. This book is the third edition in print and it succeeds the first edition by some 10 years. This book provides some new stories, cases, examples and illustration. This book discusses what is termed the five practices that allow us to grow and develop into exemplary leaders. The book also covers how to get people energized and enthused about following a leader. This book is written in such a manner that allows the reader to skip around within the book and yet still get the books meaning.

Book Review

Book Title: Introduction to Leadership

Authors: Peter G. Northouse

Copyright: 2018

Publisher: Sage Publications, Inc., San Francisco, CA

Summary

This book consists of 13 chapters and 327 pages. It discusses leadership from the standpoint that everyone is a leader. The author suggests that at some point in everyone's life they will be required to lead. It does not matter the profile of the leader because each one of us will have leadership demands upon us. According to this author leadership is something that will be challenging, exciting and rewarding but there will be a very high degree of responsibility upon the leader. To this author leadership can be seen in many lights; as a trait; it can be identified as responsibility; as a skill; a behavior; a relationship; or even an influence process. This book discusses the areas of leadership philosophy and style; the development of leadership skills; establishing a vision; and it discusses embracing diversity and inclusion.

Book Review

Book Title: Introduction to Leadership: Concepts and Practice

Authors: Peter G. Northouse

Copyright: 2015

Publisher: Sage Publications, Inc., Thousand Oaks, CA

Summary

This book consists of 12 chapters and 317 pages of information reference leadership. Per the author, the subject of leadership is a very popular topic in our society. In the book, the author discusses what, in the author's opinion, makes a good leader and provides some information on how to become a good leader. This is designed such that each chapter discusses a fundamental or foundational leadership principle. Some of the principles outlined in the book include the areas of: understanding leadership; recognizing your traits; engaging one's strengths; leadership philosophy and styles; leadership tasks and relationships; developing leadership skills; creating a vision; the constructive climate; listening to others; handling conflict; ethics in leadership; overcoming obstacles; etc. These are but a few of the basic foundational principles regarding leadership covered in the book.

Book Review

Book Title: Stop Selling and Start Leading

Authors: James Kouzes, Barry Posner and Deb Calvert

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Publisher: Wiley, Hoboken, NJ

Summary

This is a book written from the standpoint of a salesman, but it identifies some successful leadership practices which are beneficial to sales. Therefore, the leadership practices espoused in this book are expected to improve upon sales. The author makes it clear that leadership is not a position; a place or an organization; not the hierarchy within an organization; not a list of generic traits; not a specific gender; not any ethnic or racial background or group; not a family or social status; and not a specific appearance or nationality. This author identifies five practices of exemplary leadership which consists of 10 leadership commitments. There are 10 chapters in the book dedicated to discussing the 10 leadership commitments. Those 10 commitments are identified as: clarify values, set the example, envision the future, enlist others, search for opportunities, experiment and take risks, foster collaboration, strengthen others, recognize contributions and celebrate the values and victories. Though these good practices were born out of sales they seem to be practices that will help with leadership across the board