

Homework for Future Leaders...

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*How serious are you to developing “state-of-the-art” leadership skills?
Explore these free resources on everything from creativity to leadership.*

1. Take a personal organizational skills test:
 - https://www.gotoquiz.com/check_your_organizational_skills or
 - <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/tests/career/organization-skills-test-version-workers-students>
2. Assess your own multiple intelligences. How are you SMART?
<https://www.literacynet.org/mi/assessment/index.html>
3. Read how to apply and engage these strengths as a leader
<https://www.literacynet.org/mi/practice/index.html>
4. View “A Whole New Mind” video of Daniel Pink sponsored by C+A Global Leaders
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGWHPEUWek>
5. Test your “creativity quotient” at one of these websites:
 - <https://www.lifehack.org/594308/creativity-test-10-best-ways-to-test-creative-intelligence>
6. Read Mr. Fox’s blog-post on “Leadership Lessons”
<https://paulfox.blog/2020/07/14/leadership-lessons/>
7. View a video by Simon Sinek
 - https://www.ted.com/talks/simon_sinek_how_great_leaders_inspire_action or
 - <https://simonsinek.com/podcast>
8. View a video by Sir Ken Robinson https://www.ted.com/speakers/sir_ken_robinson
9. View the video “Seven Traits of Great Leaders”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IEp4TVpxgA>
10. A few of Mr. Fox’s favorite books to borrow or buy:
 - *Leaders Eat Last* by Simon Sinek
 - *Extreme Ownership* by J. Willink & L. Babin
 - *A Whole New Mind* by Daniel Pink
 - *Learning to Lead* by W. Bennis & J. Goldsmith
 - *Develop Your Leadership Superpowers* by D. Sternad
 - *One Minute Manager* by K. Blanchard & S. Johnson
 - *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by S. Covey
 - *A Kick in the Seat of the Pants* by R. Von Oech
 - *A Whack on the Side of the Head* by R. Von Oech



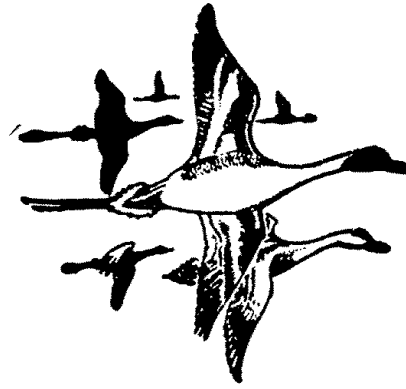
These resources may foster a deeper understanding and insight on “what makes you tick...”
your potential for leadership and inspiring others towards finding their own success.

Additional Resources:

<https://paulfox.blog/2024/07/23/growing-student-leaders/>
<https://paulfox.blog/2020/07/14/leadership-lessons/>

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Leadership Lessons from Geese



“Do we have as much sense as a goose?”

In the spring, when you see geese heading back north for the summer, flying along in a “V” formation, you might be interested in knowing what scientists have discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following.

By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

BASIC TRUTH NO. 1: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

BASIC TRUTH NO. 2: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed in the same way we are going.

When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

BASIC TRUTH NO. 3: It pays to take turns doing hard jobs—whether you’re a person or a goose.

The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

BASIC TRUTH NO. 4: We need to be careful with what we say when we honk from behind.

Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group.

FINAL TRUTH: If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other.

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