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ESD.801: Leadership Development

Assignment #1: 3 pages (total) Assess, Analyze and Reflect upon Leadership
Recall the learning objectives in ESD.801 are to:

- Assess leadership characteristics in a variety of professional and social environments
- Analyze and reflect on instances of leadership in your everyday lives
- Articulate and communicate a personal leadership vision that is goal-oriented
- Synthesize a personal blueprint or check-list for action (your personal leadership plan)

Explore art and assess and analyze the Distributed Leadership Model elements (sensemaking, visioning, relating, and inventing) at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) and on the MIT Campus.

1) Briefly discuss the three questions posed by Gauguin in his masterpiece, Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going? by providing examples of Sensemaking, Visioning, Relating, and Inventing. Proof that you visited the MFA in person is required (📸).

2) Reference any additional piece of art at the MFA that Inspires you and briefly discuss the Vision of the artist/artwork and what particularly inspired you you.

Note: Illustrations are always encouraged as part of your assignments and answers. An image really is worth 1000 words.

3) Explore the MIT campus and list 2 pieces of art/architecture/sculpture (http://listart.mit.edu/public-art-map) and discuss how you Related to them.

4) Reflection. State something you appreciated most about our Thompson Island Leadership Laboratory experience, and reflect on what you learned about your own leadership skills.

5) Analyze and Reflect. Observe Local Leadership in Action on the MIT campus, in Cambridge, or Boston and write a short description of the Act and describe the leadership qualities you witnessed (i.e., compassion, listening, integrity, perseverance, motivation, courage, selflessness, etc.)