Practical Leadership – 15.974
Assignment for Class Two – Leadership Frameworks

1. Take the Distributed Leadership Assessment and have at least FIVE colleagues give you feedback using the Assessment.

2. Read (in readings packet):

3. Email instructor before next class
   - Your definition of leadership
   - Your list of critical characteristics of a great leader (4-10); your top four will be in the class tally. You can include traits from outside the readings.
   - Your Self-Assessment and Action Plan.
     - Self-Assessment – your candid assessment of your current strengths and weaknesses as a leader.
     - Action Plan – identify which aspects of leadership you wish to improve and where you will practice these new leadership skills and to what ends. You can include large opportunities (such as running a school function) and/or smaller opportunities (study groups, class projects, your best friend’s wedding).

4. Schedule a meeting with the instructor by the end of next week. Your email to me (#3 above) will be our discussion document.

5. Bring to next class (Class Two):
   - An anecdote that illustrates a leadership trait. Something that you did or someone else did. Your story can be an example of effective leadership or how not to be an effective leader
   - A summary of your Self-Assessment.
     - 2 or 3 of your key leadership strengths
     - the areas you plan to work on this semester
     - Preparation for the role play.