

As martial artists, you'll find that the qualities that make us what we are can also make us great leaders. You may not seek out those roles for yourself, but you may find that the characteristics we develop (and exhibit) as martial artists will tend to make others look in your direction when seeking someone to be a leader.

Why do you think that is? To put in another way, what qualities do you believe that we develop as martial artists that tend to make us leaders? \_\_\_\_\_

When you are assigned to work in a group (whether it's for school, or a job, or anything else), a leader will tend to emerge, even if one isn't assigned. Sometimes it will be the first person who says something! (Even if it's just "so, what do you guys want to do?") Regardless of whether or not we are the leader of a group, we still want to do what great leaders do - be the example for others to follow. For this month, you need to pick a project (it can be for school, for karate, or something in the community) that you need a team to complete.

**What** is the project (what are you going to do)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Why** are you doing it? \_\_\_\_\_

**When** will the project be completed? \_\_\_\_\_ **Where** is it going to be? \_\_\_\_\_

**Who** needs to approve the project (do you need permission from anyone to do this)? \_\_\_\_\_

**What** funds do you need to complete this project (and what is the \$ for)? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of publicity needs to be done?	When?

Finally, **Who** is in your group, and what would their tasks be?

Team member	Task	Due date

If you are the leader of a group of people, one of your responsibilities is to evaluate your team members, and to ensure that each team member is in the role that suits them best. Sometimes, this can force us to ask ourselves some pretty difficult questions about our group. Remember, in order for the team to reach its goal, a leader has to help their team perform at their best. Not to bring up the Seahawks, but if they suddenly decided

to have Russell Wilson be the linebacker and have Marshawn Lynch play quarterback, the leader (Coach Carroll) would not be making sure each team member was in their best role. For your group, answer the following questions to evaluate your role as the leader, ensuring everyone was in their best role:

The thing I like most about the group is: \_\_\_\_\_

The thing I like least about the group is: \_\_\_\_\_

As a group, we need: \_\_\_\_\_

One thing I would like to change about the group is: \_\_\_\_\_

One thing I would like to personally get out of being involved with this group is: \_\_\_\_\_

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