

11-1. Leadership Interviews.

Instructions. People have strong opinions and assumptions about leadership, which are not always consistent with findings generated by theories and researchers. Explore these intuitive leadership theories by locating 2 respondents (one man, one woman) and ask them for a few minutes of their time. Roommates, friends, attachment figures are perfectly appropriate interviewees. Ask them the following questions, and any others you think are important to add. Record their answers in writing.

1. Can you name 2 or 3 people who you feel were or are great leaders?
2. Is leadership an inborn talent, or a learned skill?
3. Are leaders powerful people who can impose their will on others?
4. Do people like to work in groups that have leaders or groups that are leaderless?
5. Who makes a better leader: A woman or a man?
6. Have you ever been in a group where the leader failed to carry out his or her duties properly?
7. Have you ever been in a group led by a skilled leader?
8. If you were appointed the leader of a group such as a jury or a group of employees in a place of business what would be your most important duties?