

## 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.

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



This image is in public domain.

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.)

MIT OpenCourseWare  
<http://ocw.mit.edu>

ESD.801 Leadership Development  
Fall 2014

For information about citing these materials or our Terms of Use, visit: <http://ocw.mit.edu/terms>.