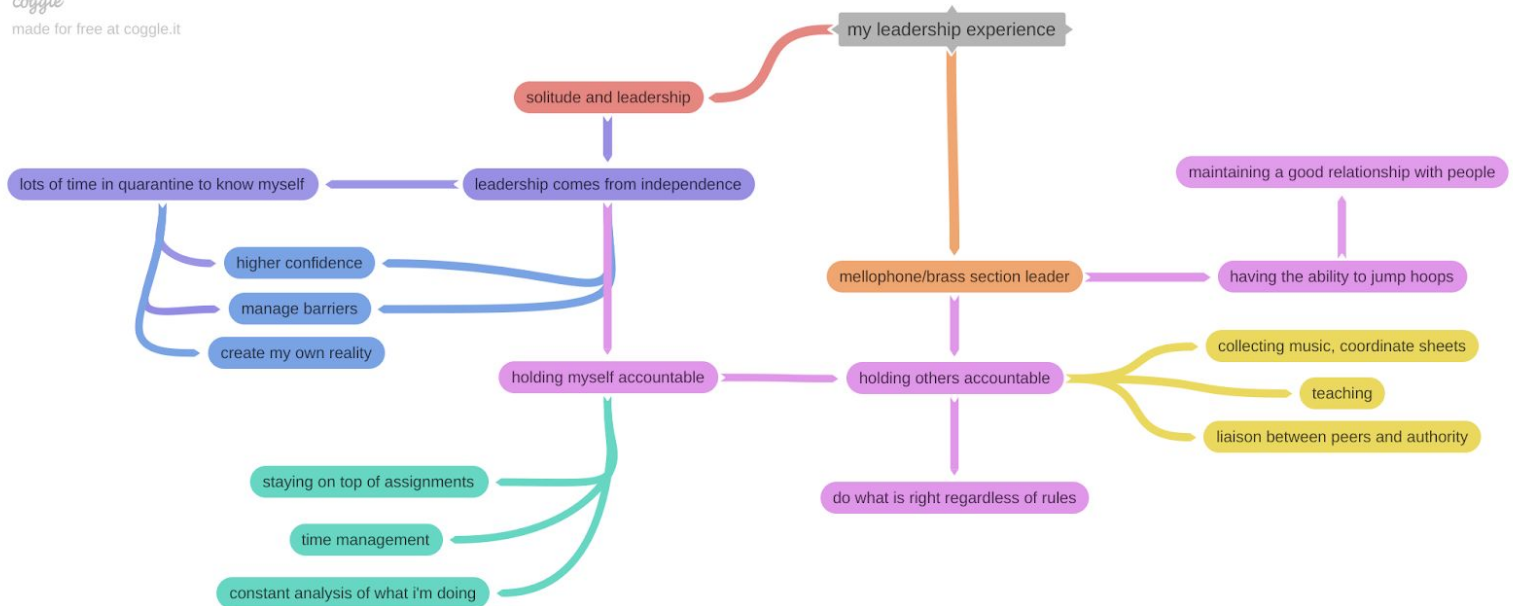


My Leadership Experience

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When I was in high school, I was the section leader and stand-in brass captain in marching band. The biggest part of this job was to hold my section members accountable for their music and performance, but I also acted as a liaison between my peers and the instructors during rehearsals and performances. Specifically, I was in charge of collecting coordinate sheets and music; if someone had a problem with the drill or music they came to me first. In that, I also had to hold myself accountable, which is where I have grown the most in the past two years.

In Solitude and Leadership, Deresiewicz states that average people are hoop jumpers or “excellent sheep.” While this is true, the ability to jump hoops is built from communication skills, which are vital to leadership. Deresiewicz also talks about the fact that leadership comes from independence; when school was let out for the last time on March 13th, I became more self-sufficient. The time spent in quarantine allowed me to work on my own time and think about where my future was going; in a sense, “creating [my] own reality.” I’m pretty motivated to get my work done, so I was able to hold higher confidence in myself and manage my time well. I also tend to analyze things a lot, so i was able to look at the things i wanted to change about myself and manage those barriers.