Carson McBride Total Points: 100

Why is this week's topic important for teamwork? (20 pts)

This passed week we talked about influence. There are different ways that influence is developed among those around you, but it in the end all has similar affect. Influence is crucial for teamwork as it is the active or passive affect you have on those around you. Your influence, like in this week’s reading titled, “Everyone Has Influence”, might negatively affect those around you. This can hurt a team. On the contrary however is the notion that you can develop a positive influence on those around you and influence the team into a better place.

How do plan on contributing to the team, besides completing your tasks? (20 pts)

I plan on making sure that I do the things necessary (like following the 7 steps) to build rapport and positively influence those around me. I also feel like allowing yourself and recognizing the influence people have you and be just as valuable. I will take steps to make sure that those in the team are positively influencing me and the rest of the team.

How does your experience relate to other experiences you have had? (20 pts)

On my mission while serving alongside a number of other individuals, I got to see firsthand how significant influence can really be. There were times where I was very positively influence by missionaries I looked up to and was fortunate to spend time around. There were other times where companions or the negative attitudes of others really were dragging me down. There was a very noticeable difference in the performance of individual missionaries based on who they were being trained and influenced by.

If this was a religion class, how would you relate this week’s topic to the gospel? (20 pts)

The quote on my mission plaque says “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Which comes from the Sermon on the Mount. I feel like this shows the great affect that we can spiritually have on others by humbly living the gospel and pointing people to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

What would you do differently next week? (10 pts)

This passed week I very much kept to myself and didn’t give much thought on the influence I might be having. Next week, I will recommit to having a conscious effort to have a positive influence on those around me.

How would you explain this week's topics to a person not in this class? (10 pts)

I would just explain that much like magnets, or other natural forces, we have an influence on those around us. I would explain some of the 7 ways we might build trust and positive influence with those we work with and just stress how important it is to do so.