Influence (100 points)

Why is this week’s topic important for teamwork? (20 points)

This week’s topic is important for teamwork because you must be able to influence others to create relationships. By influencing others, we can build trust and even open new opportunities to create friendships. Influence is also a vital trait for a leader to have. A leader must be able to influence a team and be influenced by ideas that a team has to offer. Without influence, it would be difficult to lead or even be a part of a team.

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

Jesus Christ was able to influence the people around him utilizing his words and miracles. As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, we have the ability to influence the people around us as well. With the power of the Holy Ghost, our words can touch the hearts of man and help them come unto the Savior. We also have the ability to influence others by the way we act and present ourselves. In the end, we have the power to influence others for the good of men and should let our light shine.

What is the most significant take-away you have taken from your study this week. (10 points)

The most significant part of my study this week was the analogy to the wrench. We have the power to influence others through our words and deeds. Although if we are not using it correctly like the wrench, then it is useless. Therefore, we must turn the wrench the correct way and influence others in a positive manner to the best of our abilities.

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

Influence is a very vital skill to have in a workplace. With influence, you can create relationships with others and create respect. When you can influence others in a positive manner, you can create good teamwork and trust.

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

In the past, I have been in many leadership roles. Whether it was president of the deacon’s quorum or captain on my soccer team, I always did my best to have a positive influence on the people that I led. Now that I am more conscious about influence, I believe that I can become an even better leader and do a better job of helping the people around me. This experience taught me that I need to be assertive and use my influence to create relationships or else I could be seen as distant which I tend to do subconsciously at times.

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

Besides doing my tasks, I plan on being a good influence on my team. I will use what I have learned and use my influence to create better relationships and trust within my team. I will make sure to not be aggressive and to be flexible. I will also listen to my teammates and value each of their opinions. In doing so I believe we can work better as a team to complete tasks.