

Visioning Exercise

Doing Good in Communities, W18

Assignment 1

Due Date: Jan 29, 2018

Assignment Instructions - This assignment will be graded out of 150 points and is worth 15% of your final grade. The purpose of this assignment is to help you develop your personal vision statement. While the only portion of this assignment that will be graded is the final personal vision statement, use the questions in the next few pages to generate content for your vision statement. The grading will be based on following scheme¹

- **Clarity** “It should be specific and articulate. Strive to make it easily understood, directive, and action-oriented. Create a clean map for yourself.” **(50 points)**
- **Compelling.** “Does your Vision Statement inspire and move you? It must be motivational and far-reaching enough to pull you through difficult and uncertain times. Strive to capture that highest voice within you—that part of you that can see the gift and opportunity that surrounds you.” **(50 points)**
- **Concise.** “While there is no precise length limit, your Vision Statement should be written in as few words as you think are needed. If it gets over a paragraph or two, you could probably be more concise.” **(50 points)**

Visioning Questions – (no word limit)

1. Time travel into your (ideal) future! What year is it?
2. Rewind back to the vision you generated with your group (Wed, Jan 17). Chances are, your vision differs from your group’s collective vision. This is your opportunity to develop your own personal vision. Close your mind’s eye, and visualize your ideal (future) community. Scan with your senses. Write down the three most important things you see, or hear, or feel, or observe. Remember to them down in declarative present tense (Example: I see smiles everywhere)
3. If you lived in your ideal future community, how would you feel? Close your mind’s eye again, and put yourself in the picture. Read, and re-read your responses to Question 2, if that helps. Quickly write down three emotions you feel.

¹ Adapted from <https://tech4good.soe.ucsc.edu/src/docs/personal-vision-exercise.pdf>

4. Does your vision matter to other people? If so, in what ways? (1-2 sentences)
5. What makes you come alive? (1-2 sentences)
6. If, at the end of your long life, you had lived the way you wanted, how would others describe you? (list up to 3 things)
7. Pair-exercise. (Abhi will describe the exercise). After the exercise is done, write down your thoughts. (If you missed this in class, write down 3 actions that need to happen in the world for your vision to come true)
8. If you started 'Doing Good in Communities' from today, what is the first thing you'd do?

After you respond to the questions, use them to fill up your personal vision statement on the next page. See example on last page. Upload only your personal vision statement to the dropbox folder titled "Assignment 1" on Courselink.

My Personal Vision Statement

(recommended word limit – 400 words)

My name is **(Your First Name)**. **(Response 1)** years from now, I want to live world where **(Response 2)** Making this vision a reality is important for me because it would make me feel **(Response 3)**. It is also important for **(Response 4)** because **(Response 4)**.

I strongly and honestly believe that my vision for the future is well within our reach. All we need to do is **(Response 7)**. I believe I am the best person to lead the charge on achieving this goal, because I am **(Response 6)**. If and when I get held back, I will seek strength and inspiration from **(Response 5)**. I am going to begin 'doing good' by **(Response 8)**.

Abhi's Vision Statement Example

My name is (**Your First Name**) . **25** years from now, I want to live world where (**Response 3**) Making this vision a reality is important for me because it would make me feel (**inspired, excited and at peace**). It is also important for (**everyone**) because (**most people would like to live in a happy, smiling and peaceful world**).

I strongly and honestly believe that my vision for the future is well within our reach. All we need to do is (**invent clean and abundant energy source that is equitably distributed**). I believe I am the best person to lead the charge on achieving this goal, because I am (**cheerful, community-focused and smart**). If and when I get held back, I will seek strength and inspiration from (**friends and family**). I am going to begin 'doing good' by (**listening**)

References

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