4.3 Observational Exercise

Leadership Styles

Purpose

1. To become aware of authoritarian, democratic, and laissez-faire styles of leadership
2. To compare and contrast these three styles

Directions

1. From all of the coaches, teachers, music directors, or managers you have had in the past 10 years, select one who was authoritarian, one who was democratic, and one who was laissez-faire.

   Authoritarian leader (name) _____

   Democratic leader (name) _____

   Laissez-faire leader (name) _____

2. On another sheet of paper, briefly describe the unique characteristics of each of these leaders.

Questions

1. What differences did you observe in how each leader tried to influence you?

2. How did the leaders differ in their use of rewards and punishment?

3. What did you observe about how others reacted to each leader?

4. Under which leader were you most productive? Why?