

8. Vision

How do you ultimately define success for yourself?

What kind of person will you become?

What kind of impact will you have on others?

1. Background

What was the most noteworthy or distinctive aspect(s) of your background?

What kind of kid were you?

How would you describe your relationship with your family?

9. The Next Step

What can you do to get started?

What is the next immediate milestone?

What will happen if you don't take action?

"If you can see your path laid out in front of you step by step, you know it's not your path. Your own path you make with every step you take. That's why it's your path."

- Joseph Campbell

THE LEADER'S STORY

Who you are, including your talents and desires, are different from those of others. How will you live your life in a way that honors your unique potential to contribute? Day to day, we make decisions, take actions, and think thoughts. We have worries and doubts. We experience joy and connection. But what does it all mean? The meaning is something we create for ourselves.

The way we create meaning is to link our past, present, and future into a narrative. This narrative is inclusive of our past experiences, our current choices, and our future aspirations. This story that we create for ourselves then shapes our lives and the experience of our lives. The story of you is unlike that of any other, if you have the courage to live it

To create this story we need to answer three basic questions.

Where did I come from? (Past)

You have a past that shaped your worldview. This past included people and experiences which had a formative effect on you. Why do you value one thing over another? What was something missing that you desired? In seeking fulfillment, your past holds many clues.

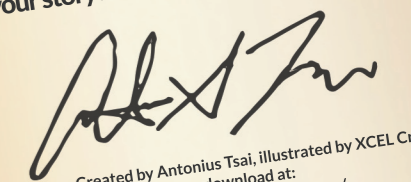
Why am I here? (Present)

Life is a busy blur. There are daily demands on you as well as endless distractions. You pause to reflect, "What is important that I need to pay attention to?"

Where am I going? (Future)

This is full of uncertainties. We are told that we should have clear goals and direction, but it doesn't work out that way in practice. How shall we translate our dreams in a way that we can possibly embrace?

Are you ready to create your story?



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Where did I come from?

PRESENT

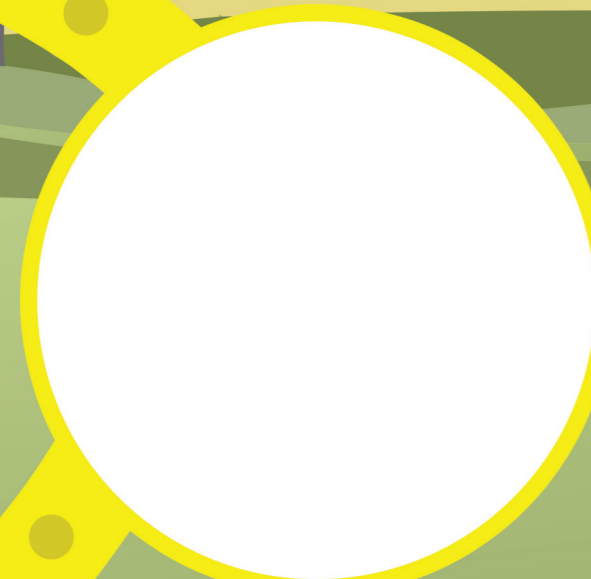
Why am I here?

FUTURE

Where am I going?

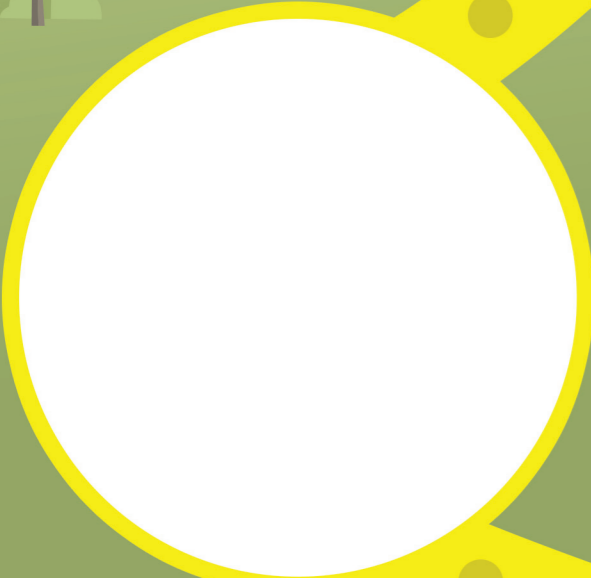
2. Values

- What was important to you growing up?
- What kind of activities did you engage in that was meaningful?
- Who did you look up to?



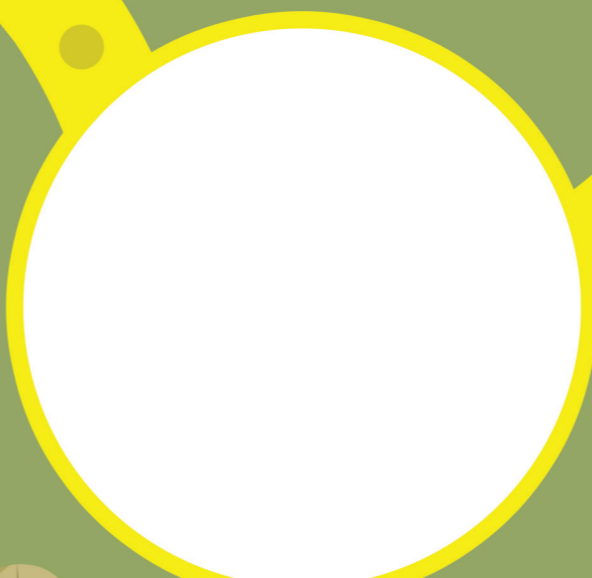
3. Formative Experience

- What was something you did or experience which "shaped" you?
- What was the biggest challenge you faced?
- What was something you accomplished that you were most proud of?



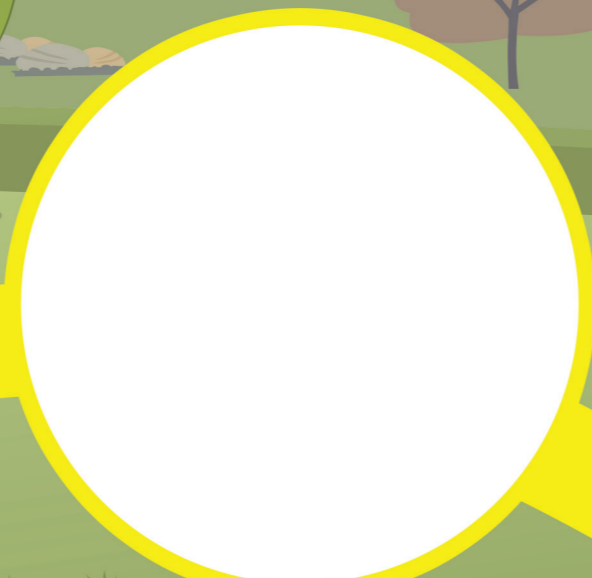
5. Affiliation & Activity

- Where are your communities in which you belong?
- How are you impacting others?
- How are you growing? What are you learning about yourself?



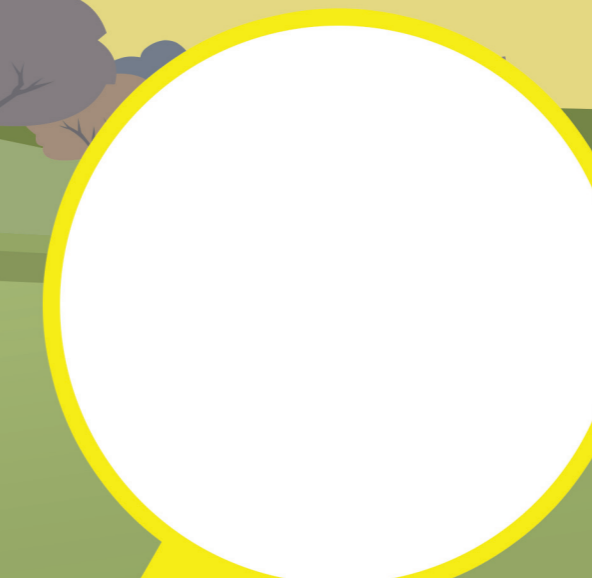
4. Choices

- Why did you choose to do the thing you are currently doing?
- How do you tend to make choices?
- Reflecting back on the choice, would you have done something differently?



6. Direction

- What is the choice ahead of you now?
- What are the expectations that are put upon you?
- What direction would be the most authentic expression of you?



7. Challenge

- What is a challenge in your next stage that you would like to tackle?
- How would you use your strengths and skill to overcome that challenge?
- In what way do you wish to grow and develop?

