

Assignment of Journal on Team Observations

1. How did I feel about being in this group? What positive feelings? What doubts or concerns?
2. How do I feel about my ability to function in this group? What concerns do I have about my group skills? Did I get my share of the airtime? More than my share?
3. How do I feel about each member of my team? (Write your first impressions of each.) How will each perform?

This initial data is most valuable to serve as a basis for comparison of your feelings and impressions as the course progresses. Don't miss this chance for the start of a good paper.

The way you organize the journal seems critical to your ability as an individual or your ability as a team - if the assignment is to turn in a team paper - to write a good paper. Our suggestion is to organize the journal entries into three parts:

Part 1: The descriptive part. In this part you will capture your responses to the three questions listed above. Your perceptions and feelings about group members and the influence of these perceptions on your behavior.

Part 2: The analysis part. Identify and describe concepts, models, and or theories from the course that apply to the activity. Next try to use these concepts to examine the activity described in part one above.

Part 3: The reflection part. This is an opportunity to reflect about your learning (i.e., what did you learn about yourself, what areas you might need to study further to enhance your effectiveness), and what advice you would give to group leader to improve team functioning.