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The specific areas of leadership I am most interested in cultivating are authentic leadership and transformational leadership. As a leader, I believe I lean more naturally towards authentic leadership. I am very observational and so I can identify specific aspects of people, both personally and professionally. Because of this, I feel confident in my ability to support and highlight qualities in people that I believe are genuine and good. Personally, I believe this to be a very effective form of leadership, so I am interested in developing it more and making my personal authentic leadership style stronger. On the other hand, I am very interested in learning more about how I can be a more transformational leader. I often classify myself as shy and introverted, but believe that charisma and confidence are two of the most influential qualities people can have. Therefore, I am actively working on trying to be more forward and charismatic. I am currently reading *Quiet* by Susan Cain which evaluates the strengths introverts can use in an extroverted world - I highly recommend!

In a decade, I would like to first be more confident in my leadership abilities. At the moment, I still feel hesitant and as if I don't know what I am doing. I feel that I am the strongest as a leader when it comes to emergency or sudden situations. When I am appointed, I get quite anxious. Secondly, I would like to have improved my communication skills. I believe that I am

already strong in communication, however, my anxiety when leading can make me ramble or talk in circles. I am putting a lot of this down to practice!

I am optimistic in the current administration's ability to address the current challenges. I do not expect perfection from the administration, but I strongly believe they will be much more effective in handling the pandemic and social issues in this country. I am already confident in the many executive orders the President has signed. I am hopeful that by the end of this administration, the federal government, mainly the executive and the legislative branches, are able to work together again instead of being in a constant tug of war.