Assignment #3: Women in Leadership: Two Success Stories

Identify a list of successful women in Leadership positions that you know or can get access to interview. Ask for a one-hour interview about their life and career path and development as a leader. During the interview, ask them for a brief review of their career and leadership journey. If you can save time by reading about them in the Internet, do so. Ask "Who helped you the most become the person you are or achieve your leadership position and effectiveness?" Ask them about moments or incidents they faced along the way that were obstacles to forward movement. These might have been moments of individual, interpersonal or organizational challenges, including difficult choices, failure, encountering prejudice and sexism, self-confidence challenges, or work-life integration challenges. Ask how they handled each one and overcame them, learned from them or surmounted the challenges faced.

Write about each leader's life and work in a 500-750 word essay. Describe their answers to your questions and how you see the "story" of their life and path to effective leadership.

Submit both essays for peer assessment.

Scoring Rubric for Peer Assessment

	YES	NO
1. Did the essay describe difficult moments of individual, interpersonal or organizational challenges during their life and career?	+1 for each essay	0
2. Did the essay describe people who helped them develop as a leader and at least one key moment in their development?	+1 for each essay	0
3. Did the essay describe key experiences that each leader attributed as important for their development as a leader?	+1 for each essay	0