



An Ordinary Responsibility That Prepared Me for Extraordinary Challenges Author Name College Name Date An Ordinary Responsibility That Prepared Me for Extraordinary Challenges Personally, I have gone through various difficulties that appear to be impossible to overcome, but that are what made me what I am today. Among the situations that were the most characteristic of my experience was when I received the challenge of managing a small project of a student group during my sophomore year of college. This position though minorly seemed to equip me with the bigger challenges that I would encounter in the professional world. Initially, it had appeared to be another group work. But as the project progressed I soon understood the extent of responsibility on me. My key responsibility was to make members of the group equally contribute and to reach all deadlines in a group. This was at first a daunting task. It was not only the deadline management, but the personalities management, the conflict management, and other work ethics. This experience compelled me to sharpen my communication skills and problem-solving skills. I needed to make sure that the strength of each member was applied efficiently and also to assist those having a hard time. This proved quite difficult when one of the group members had personal problems which hampered his or her input. This was something that compelled me to be compassionate and tolerant, which would be valuable in overcoming any future obstacles. I got to know how to work towards conflict in a diplomatic manner where one gets issues solved without turning the group members bitter. The most important secret was the willingness to respond to feedback and to make corrections along the line. To illustrate, I also devised weekly check-ins to help track progress of everybody and to support needy persons. Such meetings turned out to be a milestone in the project and were useful to gain trust in the team. Purely by project completion, we were able to surpass the expectations not

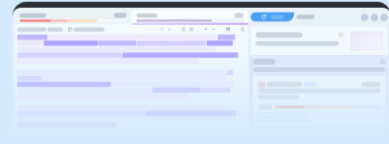
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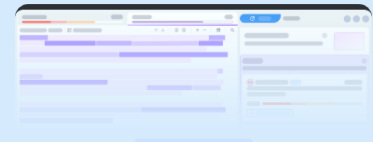
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