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# Teacher Secondary Education History Job Interview Preparation Guide.

#### Question # 1

Can you describe your ideal boss/supervisor?

#### Answer:-

During the interview As Teacher Secondary Education History process employers will want to find out how you respond to supervision. They want to know whether you have any problems with authority, If you can work well as part of a group (see previous question) and if you take instructions well etc.

Never ever ever, criticize a past supervisor or boss. This is a red flag for airlines and your prospective employer will likely assume you are a difficult employee, unable to work in a team or take intruction and side with your former employer.

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#### Question # 2

How do you stay organized?

#### Answer:-

By maintaining proper routine every day. Putting my strongest points with my weakness. High priority always comes first As Teacher Secondary Education History.

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#### Question # 3

Why was there a gap in your employment As Teacher Secondary Education History?

#### Answer:

If you were unemployed for a period of time, be direct and to the point about what you've been up to (and hopefully, that's a litany of impressive volunteer and other mind-enriching activities, like blogging or taking classes). Then, steer the conversation toward how you will do the job and contribute to the organization: "I decided to take a break at the time, but today I'm ready to contribute to this organization in the following ways."

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#### Question # 4

How do you handle your anger?

#### Answer:

I don't get angry very easily but in the rare occasion that I do, I hold it in and act as though nothing is wrong.

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#### Question #5

Tell me an occasion when you needed to persuade someone to do something?

#### Answer:-

Interpersonal relationships are a very important part of being a successful care assistant. This question is seeking a solid example of how you have used powers of persuasion to achieve a positive outcome in a professional task or situation. The answer should include specific details.

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#### Question # 6

What is your greatest strength? How does it help you As Teacher Secondary Education History?

#### Answer:

One of my greatest strengths, and that I am a diligent worker... I care about the work getting done.. I am always willing to help others in the team. Being patient helps me not jump to conclusions... Patience helps me stay calm when I have to work under pressure.. Being a diligent worker.. It ensures that the team has the same goals in accomplishing certain things.

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#### Question #7

What other companies are you interviewing with?

Companies ask this for a number of reasons, from wanting to see what the competition is for you to sniffing out whether you're serious about the industry. "Often the best approach is to mention that you are exploring a number of other similar options in the company's industry,". It can be helpful to mention that a common characteristic of all the jobs you are applying to is the opportunity to apply some critical abilities and skills that you possess. For example, you might say 'I am applying for several positions with IT consulting firms where I can analyze client needs and translate them to development teams in order to find solutions to technology problems.

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#### Question # 8

Why do you feel you will excel at rhis job?

#### Answer:-

This question presents an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your education, qualifications and personal traits. You might say something like "I studied property

management as well as behavior during my college years and I have two years' experience in real estate.

I can gauge the homes or apartments in which clients will be interested based solely upon the needs of their families. Finally, my organizational skills will allow me to schedule appointments or showings confidently and arrive for them punctually." This shows your interviewer that you have all of the skills necessary to become successful not only for yourself, but also for your employer.

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#### Question #9

Explain an idea that you have had and have then implemented in practice?

#### Answer:-

Often an interview guide will outline the so-called 'STAR' approach for answering such questions; Structure the answer as a situation, task, action, and result: what the context was, what you needed to achieve, what you did, and what the outcome was as a result of your actions.

#### Question # 10

Give me an example of an emergency situation that you faced. How did you handle it?

There was a time when one of my employers faced the quitting of a manager in another country. I was asked to go fill in for him while they found a replacement and stay to train that person. I would be at least 30 days. I quickly accepted because I knew that my department couldn't function without me.

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#### Question # 11

How do you plan to go by an example for your subordinates?

Sticking to the rules by yourself, working hard and not mind participating on basic tasks is a good answer.

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#### Question # 12

How many square feet of pizza are eaten in the United States each month?

#### Answer:-

This is a classic guesstimate question where you need to think aloud. And so first off you round the U.S. population to 300 million people (it's actually about 315 million but rounding will be much easier and your interviewer will not score you lower for rounding). Then estimate how many people eat pizza. A decent educated guess is two out of every three people, or 200 million. Now let's say the average pizza-eating person eats pizza twice a month, and eats two slices at a time. That's four slices a month. If the average slice of pizza is perhaps six inches at the base and 10 inches long, then the slice is 30 square inches of pizza. So, four pizza slices would be 120 square inches (30 times 4).

Since one square foot equals 144 square inches (12 times 12), let's assume that each person who eats pizza eats one square foot per month. Since there are 200 million pizza-eating Americans, 200 million square feet of pizza are consumed in the U.S. each month. To summarize: 300 million people in America, 200 million eat pizza, average slice of pizza is six inches at the base and 10 inches long or 30 square inches, average American eats four slices of pizza a month, four pieces times 30 square inches equals 120 square inches (one square foot is 144 square inches), so let's assume one square foot per person, and thus one square foot times 200 million people equals 200 million square feet of pizza a month.

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#### Question # 13

How would you observe the level of motivation of your subordinates?

Choosing the right metrics and comparing productivity of everyone on daily basis is a good answer, doesn't matter in which company you apply for a supervisory role.

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#### Question # 14

What are three positive things your last boss would say about you?

#### Answer:-



It's time to pull out your old performance appraisals and boss's quotes. This is a great way to brag about yourself through someone else's words:

"My boss has told me that I am the best designer he has ever had. He knows he can rely on me, and he likes my sense of humor."

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#### Question #15

What does quality work mean to you?

#### Answer:-

Quality work to be is about doing work to the require or set standard, which is very important when it comes to warehouse operations.

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#### Question # 16

What type of work environment do you prefer?

#### Answer.

Ideally one that's similar to the environment of the company you're applying to. Be specific.

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#### Question # 17

Why are you leaving your current job?

#### Answer:-

This is a toughie, but one you can be sure you'll be asked. Definitely keep things positive-you have nothing to gain by being negative about your past employers. Instead, frame things in a way that shows that you're eager to take on new opportunities and that the role you're interviewing for is a better fit for you than your current or last position. For example, "I'd really love to be part of product development from beginning to end, and I know I'd have that opportunity here." And if you were let go? Keep it simple: "Unfortunately, I was let go," is a totally OK answer.

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#### Question # 18

Why should the we hire you as this position As Teacher Secondary Education History?

#### Answer:

This is the part where you link your skills, experience, education and your personality to the job itself. This is why you need to be utterly familiar with the job description as well as the company culture. Remember though, it's best to back them up with actual examples of say, how you are a good team player.

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#### Question # 19

Give an example of a time you successfully worked As Teacher Secondary Education History on a team?

#### Answer:

On the whole I prefer to stick to doing what I'm told rather than setting myself up to fail by doing things off my own bat. But there was this one time when I suggested to my boss at the pizza parlor that she try offering an 'all you can eat' deal to students to boost trade on Mondays. She thought it was an interesting idea but nothing ever came of it.

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#### Question # 20

How do you evaluate your ability to handle conflict?

#### Answer:-

I pride myself on being a good problem solver. Through my previous job and management positions I have faced numerous conflicts in different situations, and my experiences have helped me to hone my issue resolution skills. I believe that it is important to get to and address the root of the issue, in a respectable manner.

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#### Question # 21

How do you keep each member of the team involved and motivated?

#### Answer:

Many managers mistakenly think that money is the prime motivator for their employees. However, according to surveys by several different companies, money is consistently ranked five or lower by most employees. So if money is not the best way to motivate your team, what is? Employees' three most important issues according to employees are:

- \* Respect
- \* A sense of accomplishment
- \* Recognition

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#### Question # 22

What features of your previous jobs have you disliked?

#### Answer.

It's easy to talk about what you liked about your job in an interview, but you need to be careful when responding to questions about the downsides of your last position. When you're asked at a job interview about what you didn't like about your previous job, try not to be too negative. You don't want the interviewer to think that you'll speak negatively about this job or the company should you eventually decide to move on after they have hired you.



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#### Question # 23

What's your salary history?

#### Answer:-

When you are interviewing for a new job, it is common practice for the company to ask you about your salary history. I typically want to know what the candidate's base salary is, if they receive any bonus, the average bonus amount, and any additional compensation or perks, such as 500k matching, stock grants or stock options, paid time off and how much they are required to pay towards their medical premiums.

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#### Question # 24

What do you know about our company?

#### Answer.

You always want to make sure that you're pretty familiar with the company that you're interviewing with. Nothing looks worse than a candidate who knows nothing about the company they say they're interested in working for. Find out everything you can about the company, its culture and its goals. You will also want to know how the company is positioned in its market as well as who its major competitors are.

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#### Question # 25

Why do you want to work for this company?

#### Answer-

Again be honest. The interviewer will be able to sense very quickly if you're be disingenuous. Your answer should be base on your person reasons, career aspirations as well as research you've performed on the company. The most important thing you should do is make sure to relate your answer to your long-term career goals.

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#### Question # 26

What is the most irritating thing you've experienced about your co-workers?

#### Answer:-

This question is designed to find out if you get along well on team, with other and whether or not you'll be a fit with the interviewer's organization. It's a trap. Think real hard but fail to come up anything that irritated you about your co-workers. A short positive response is best.

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#### Question # 27

What type of people do you not work well with?

#### Answer:

Be very careful answering this question as most organization employ professionals with an array of personalities and characteristics. You don't want to give the impression that you're going to have problems working with anyone currently employed at the organization. If you through out anything trivial you're going to look like a whiner. Only disloyalty to the organization or lawbreaking should be on your list of personal characteristics of people you can't work with.

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#### Question # 28

If you were hiring a person for this job As Teacher Secondary Education History, what would you look for?

#### Answer:

Discuss qualities you possess required to successfully complete the job duties.

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#### Question # 29

Do you think you are overqualified for this position As Teacher Secondary Education History?

#### Answer-

No matter your previous job experience or educational background, be sure to tell the interviewer you have the knowledge and skills to successfully execute the job responsibilities.

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#### Question # 30

What position do you prefer on a team working on a project?

#### Answer:-

Do not claim to be comfortable with a specific role if you in are in fact not comfortable with it. However, if you have no problem working in certain roles or situations, be sure to discuss this with the interviewer.

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#### Question # 31

Explain what are your strengths As Teacher Secondary Education History?



#### Answer:-

Bad Answer: Candidate is unprepared for question or only gives generic answers.

This is the most common job interview question - everybody should be expecting it. If they don't seem prepared, or give a fairly stock answer, it's probably a bad sign.

Good answer: The consensus is to go for quality, not quantity here. Candidates should give a short list of strengths, and back each one up with examples that illustrate the strength. Also, they should explain how these strengths will be useful in the job you're applying for, and use this question to say something interesting about themselves.

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#### Question #32

What can you offer us that someone else can not?

#### Answer:

Bad Answer: Going negative - if the candidate starts trash talking other candidates, it's a sure sign of a bad attitude. Also, if they can't provide a solid answer, it may show that they lack thorough knowledge of the skills the job requires, and an understanding of where they fit in.

Good answer: The candidate can name specific skills, abilities or understandings they have that apply directly to the job that other candidates are unlikely to have, or are in short supply.

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#### Question # 33

What do you consider ethical spending on an expense account?

#### Answer:-

It depends on the role - but the better way to answer this is to ask the interviewer what their expectations are with regards to what the role can expense and then simply state that you'll stay within those parameters

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#### Question #34

If you were given more initiatives than you could handle, what would you do?

#### Answer:-

First prioritize the important activities that impact the business most. Then discuss the issue of having too many initiatives with the boss so that it can be offloaded. Work harder to get the initiatives done.

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#### Question #35

You notice there are too many non productive internal meetings being held, what do you do?

#### Answer:-

Reach out to your boss and let him know that first you value his leadership and organization but that you are being overwhelmed with the amount of non productive internal meetings.

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#### Question #36

What is your typical way of dealing with conflict? Give me an example?

#### Answer:-

First, find out what the root of the problem is. Second, determine the best steps to remediation with the best possible outcome. Third, take action to put remediation plans in place.

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#### Question # 37

Tell me about a problem that you've solved in a unique or unusual way. What was the outcome? Were you happy or satisfied with it?

#### Answer:-

In this question the interviewer is basically looking for a real life example of how you used creativity to solve a problem.

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#### Question # 38

Describe a time when you anticipated potential problems and developed preventive measures?

#### Answer:

The key here is to show that you were proactive. How did you find out about the potential problems? How did you address it quickly?

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#### Question #39

What motivates you to work As Teacher Secondary Education History?

#### Answer:-

Describe what makes you passionate about the work. It could be the company's vision, the product, your desire to succeed, the clients, your peers and so on. They key is to first understand what internally motivates you to do your job and then to emphasize that in a positive way



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#### Question # 40

What do you know about this company?

#### Answer:

Research the company on Google by searching recent news (to remain current on them) and their website. Make sure you understand their products / services, vision, competitive differentiators, and work culture.

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#### Question # 41

What are your lifelong dreams?

#### Answer:-

If your dreams don't relate to the job closely, make sure you highlight aspects of the job that will help develop the skills that will help you with your dreams. Ideally, you want your dreams to relate strongly to the career path you're interviewing for though.

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#### Question # 42

How have you shown yourself to be a leader?

#### Answer:-

Think about a time where you've rallied a group of people around a cause / idea / initiative and successfully implemented it. It could be a small or large project but the key is you want to demonstrate how you were able to lead others to work for a common cause.

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#### Question # 43

What type of extracurricular activities are you a part of?

#### Answer:-

Discuss the clubs / activities you were in, share a personal story about why you enjoyed it and then describe how it's helped shape you to be who you are today. For example, I enjoyed rock climbing because it taught me the value of practicing hard at a sport to become skilled in it. I bring this same diligence to my work approach today as well.

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#### Question # 44

What types of books or magazines do you typically read?

#### Answer:-

Describe both your personal and professional favorites. If you happen to like professional books / magazines that relate to the industry of the company you're applying for - that's definitely worth highlighting.

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#### Question # 45

If you could offer suggestions on how to improve our company, what would you say?

#### Answer:-

Examine the trends of the company and also where there may be some weaknesses (news articles often document this on public companies or look at their competitors to see how they're positioning it against them.) Then, once you have that knowledge, think creatively on how you could improve upon that weakness for them.

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#### Question # 46

What are your thoughts on failure?

#### Answer:-

Failure happens. It's a part of life. The key is understanding that you can't be perfect at everything and more importantly you're going to learn from failures to come out stronger.

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#### Question # 47

How do you inspire others to be better?

#### Answer:-

First, the key to inspiring others it to first understand what their goals and objectives are. Once you understand what people want, you can inspire them with a vision that aligns to what they care about. People generally care about having purpose, being successful (and being recognized for it), contributing in a meaningful way, and financial rewards (to a degree) and much more. Then once you understand what people set as goals, you can inspire them through 1:1 pep talks, a presentation to multiple people and so forth.

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#### Question # 48



How important is a positive attitude to you?

#### Answer:

Incredibly important. I believe a positive attitude is the foundation of being successful - it's contagious in the workplace, with our customers, and ultimately it's the difference maker.

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#### Question # 49

What would you like to have accomplished by the end of your career?

#### Answer-

Think of 3 major achievements that you'd like to accomplish in your job when all is said and done - and think BIG. You want to show you expect to be a major contributor at the company. It could be creating a revolutionary new product, it could be implementing a new effective way of marketing, etc.

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#### Question # 50

How well do you multi-task?

#### Answer:-

Multi-tasking is an important part of most jobs. You want to show that you're good at it but not overwhelmed with it. So discuss just a few things you can multi-task well on - for example: "I'm good at multi tasking between work email and working on projects As Teacher Secondary Education History and the reason it because I'm good at prioritizing my work emails.

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#### Question # 51

What general trends do you see in our industry?

#### Answer:

Examine what's happened in the industry in the last 5 - 10 years and how it's evolved and then look at what both the company and analysts are saying about the future of that industry in which that company competes in. Read trade magazines / online sources in that industry as well to make sure you stay up to date on trends.

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#### Question # 52

What does your professional network look like?

#### Answer:-

If you have a professional network, discuss it detail (# of contacts, people you know, their positions and what you've learned from them or how you've worked with them). If you don't have one, discuss how you would develop one (career fairs, networking events for that industry, through your existing friends, etc)

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#### Question #53

If I talked to your three biggest fans, who would they be and why?

#### Answer:

If you can reference three professionals with executive titles (CXO, VP, Director, Manager), that carries a lot of weight. Make sure you highlight how you've helped them achieve their biggest objectives and how that's made them your fan.

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#### Question # 54

What do you expect to be earning in 5 years As Teacher Secondary Education History?

#### Answer:-

Discuss how you expect yourself to be excellent at your job. Thus, it would be reasonable to expect pay that is based on the merit of your work.

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#### Question # 55

What is your greatest fear?

#### Answer:

We all have fears. It's okay to discuss them. Just don't dive too deeply into them. Discuss how you would work to overcome your fears. You don't want to seem weak. You want to acknowledge it's out there but that you'll be able to work through it.

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## Question # 56

What are the qualities of a good leader As Teacher Secondary Education History? A bad leader?

#### Answer-

A good leader provides constructive criticism, motivates and inspires, coaches the mentee to be successful with their set of skills, and encourages them to push themselves. A bad leader only cares about his/her own interests and does not look out for the success of his/her staff.

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#### Question # 57

How do you feel about taking no for an answer?

#### Answer-

It's good to be persistent, but not overbearing. Everyone will face rejection at some point in their life, so at some point you'll have to take no for an answer but then learn why you were turned down.

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#### Question #58

What have you done to prepare yourself to be a supervisor?

#### Answer:

- 1. Learn from current supervisors (best practices)
- 2. Mentor others
- 3. Be exceptionally good at your current job so that it builds your credibility
- 4. Have a high emotional IQ

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#### Question # 59

How much time do you need to join the organization As Teacher Secondary Education History?

#### Answer.

You should be able to join it right away, barring plans you've already made (family travel, vacation, other obligations). The key is to simply be open in communication of what's already committed on your schedule. Most companies are accommodating. If they are not, weight the importance of joining that company vs. your plans.

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#### Question # 60

What motivates you the most?

#### Answer:-

Is it money? Is it career development? Is it recognition? Is it a sense of achievement? Is it to impress your peers? Is it for fame?

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#### Question # 61

What are some of the things that you and your supervisor disagree upon and how do you resolve them? What do you do when you are pressed for a decision?

#### Answer:-

The key is that you openly communicate your thoughts to your supervisor to explain your position and try to come to a mutual decision together. Also be sure to listen to his/her thoughts so that you can potentially compromise. When you're pressed for a decision, make sure you've put thought into the reasons as to how you arrived at it and then decisively make it.

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#### Question # 62

Rate yourself on a scale of 10?

#### Answer:-

If you truly believe you're a 10, you better be able to explain why with examples / stories. If you believe you're a great contributor and have room to grow, say 8 or 9. If you're below that, explain what you would do to improve yourself to get the ranking you believe you can be.

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#### Question #63

How do you keep others informed on work issues?

#### Answer:-

Possible methods:

Talking to them, emailing them, sharing best practices in meetings

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#### Question #64

What was the biggest professional risk you have taken and what was the outcome?

#### Answer-

First discuss how you weighed the pros and cons of the risk and the results you'd believe you could achieve. Then discuss the action plan you put into place for it and outline that step by step. Then discuss the outcome and if it wasn't optimal talk about what you would do differently in hindsight.

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