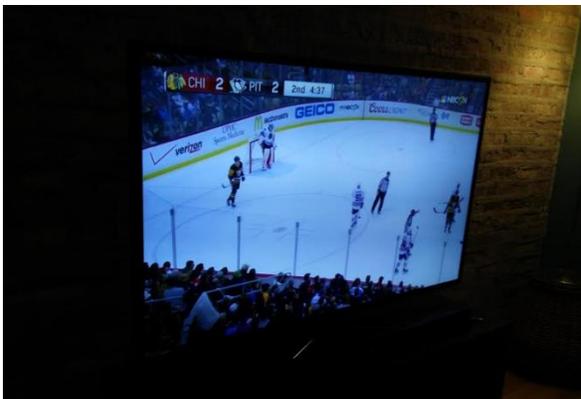
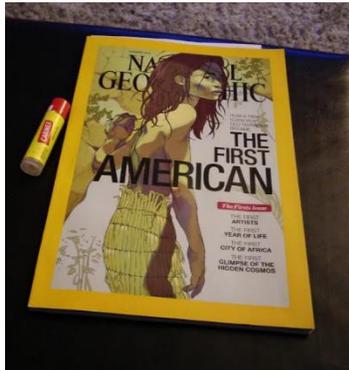


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In the room...

**Part I:**

In my condo living room – television, pan, remote, glass of water, Carmex, and National Geographic magazine.



**Part II:**

Five of the six objects pictured did not require me to get up. I am currently watching the Blackhawks game, which is why I selected the television and remote, recently used Carmex and drank some water, and read a few pages of my most recent National Geographic magazine during intermission of the hockey game. The stainless steel pan is related because I intend to make dinner during the second intermission of the game.

This is typically a space for me to relax, unwind, and not do any work. Majority of the time I do work in my office, however, I wanted to get started on the assignment tonight but did not want to miss the hockey game – which is why I am only doing Parts I and II tonight. I am currently feeling a bit overwhelmed and stressed because our high school's semester is wrapping up and several deadlines and unexpected events come up during this time. However, my hunger is overcoming all other emotions and after I finish typing this sentence I will proceed to make my dinner.

**Part III:**

Television – Helps leaders feel mortal and in touch with those that follow.

Pan – Stainless steel pans are what chefs use and chefs are the leaders of their kitchens.

Remote – Remote control represents how stoic leaders can be – not letting their emotions get the best of them when critical decisions need to be made.

Glass of water – Without water we cannot survive. Water is the drink of champions.

Carmex – No matter the weather or time of day, as a leader, your lips need to be ready not to crack under pressure.

National Geographic magazine – Staying up to date on photography, research, news, global issues, geography, maps, and video is what a leader of a 21<sup>st</sup> century organization must do.

**Part IV:**

The room can impact the people in it just as much as the people can impact the other people in the room. The room itself can impact the mood of those in it and how the people interact. While the room itself can have a profound impact on the individuals in the room with things such as spatial layout, lighting, colors, temperature, music, and sounds, I believe the people inside the room have a greater impact. Leaders can walk into a room and change the entire mood – they tend to draw out positive interactions, elicit creative chatter, in addition to creating new and comfortable conversation among individuals in the room.

The space did not impact me the way I wanted it to – my living room is typically an area of relaxation and time for me to unwind. However, with a great deal happening at work and a new semester starting up, meaning new assignments, I felt compelled to chip away at some of the work that needed to be done. All six items I described at took a picture of were in my view from sitting on the couch. I feel that I was in an in-between state of mind – trying to relax yet feeling some undue pressure to complete some work.

**Part V:**

Leadership is when an individual can inspire others to work harder, smarter, and look at situations from a different lens. Leaders figure out a way to get others to tap into their own strengths while empowering that individual.

Part VI:

