

Question:

Tell me about a time during school when you had to deal with a group member who wasn't contributing.

Answer:

Senior year we were divided into groups to work on a case study of a particular product. This project lasted throughout the semester and our entire grade depended on it, so it was important that each group member take their part of it very seriously. One member of our group did not show any initiative or interest in the project, which made it clear to us from the start that this could pose a problem. As a group we decided to confront this person, and together we explained the importance of everyone's contribution to this project. Although this person never took on as much of the responsibility as we would have hoped, the work and commitment did improve. We got a good grade on the final project and since that was the main goal anyway, we were happy.

Question:

Give me an example to demonstrate how you prioritize a heavy workload.

Answer:

This is something that I had to deal with every year during school; however, the most challenging time was probably during semester finals of my junior year in college. I was taking 6 classes this particular semester, and I did not luck out when it came to final exam scheduling. Each of my classes had an exam scheduled for Monday or Tuesday of finals week. I decided to make a study schedule in order to be certain that I was giving enough attention to my studies for each test. I made sure that I studied the materials for the test I specified during the appropriate time blocks. I was very committed to my schedule, and in the end it paid off as I did very well on all six exams. Plus, I had the benefit of being done with all of my testing by Tuesday afternoon!