Prompts for Reflective Analysis

For reflection on a person	For reflection on an event	For reflection on an issue
• What seemed to be the formative events	Could I summarize this event and what	Could I summarize both sides of this
in this person's life and/or career?	led up to it for a peer? Could I summarize	issue for a less informed audience?
	it for someone younger and less informed	
• Were there decision points that focused	than I?	• How do I feel about this issue? And
his/her work in one direction rather than		now, what is the argument for an opposite
another?	What were key events that led to this	point of view?
	event?	
• What do I know about this person's		• What is the relevance of this issue to me
ethical point of view? Behavior? Do I	• What events did this event precipitate?	and to my life/career?
agree? Not agree? If I don't know this,		
what do I imagine s/he has had to face	• What unintended consequences may have	What other issues are connected to this
making ethical choices about?	been brought about by this?	issue?
• What do I find appealing or admirable	Will this event change history for the	• If I were to resolve this issue, what steps
about this person? Or what do I find not so	better? For the worse?	would I recommend be taken?
appealing, not so admirable?		
		• As I think about this issue and listen to
 Does this person remind me of anyone 		others discuss it, what values do I hear
I've known or read about?		expressed? What are my values that help
		form my opinion?
• What about this person would I emulate?		
Not emulate?		