



KNOW You Can Solve the Apocalypse

Scenario:

You are the newly appointed interim head of the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Your predecessor was a mega-genius who single-handedly was very close to reversing the apocalypse. However, she recently lost her head and the main CDC facility was taken over by zombies.

As the new leader you need to rebuild the lab and lead a small team of the brilliant (but terrified) scientists who are still alive in order to solve the zombie apocalypse. You've lost much of the research data in the recent zombie attack, but your team has salvaged some files and you need to use your collective strengths to recreate the progress you had made before the attack.



Spend two minutes reflecting on your new role, and think about the following responsibilities you have:

- *How will you integrate the information from various sources into a framework of what you already know?*
- *What attitudes will help you and your team be successful?*



As a group, discuss your approaches to this incredibly important responsibility. The lives of every living person depend on your success.

- *How will you create a way to organize your knowledge as a team?*
- *What attitudes did you identify as important and why?*



As a leader it's critical that you develop a growth mindset along with supporting your team to do the same.

- *How will you model growth mindset behavior?*
- *How will you encourage your team to develop a growth mindset?*
- *In this high-stakes setting, how will you communicate that failing on small tasks can help lead to success on the overall goal?*
- *How will you encourage your team to challenge themselves to try new approaches?*

What Does Growth Mindset Look Like?

Students who have a growth mindset know that their behavior and the decisions they make matter.

They know that learning is not always easy, and it's the time, energy, and learning strategies devoted to understanding a subject area that can make a big difference.