



Action Guide

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Application Questions

- 1. Based on Amazon's innovation processes, what is one thing that would make your work more innovative?
- 2. Describe what your work day would look like if you were "customer obsessed."
- 3. Jeff Bezos has a saying, "Stubborn on the vision and flexible on the details." What is one way you could apply this to a current problem?



Actions to Take

What to Do Now

- Write down some of you own "leadership principles" that help you be innovative. Put these into use more often.
- Embrace failure and experimentation as integral parts of innovation.

What to Do Soon

- If you are a product leader, consider implementing some systems to encourage innovation—Voice of the Customer section at business review meetings, Correction of Error process, and/or tangible rewards for innovation.
- Next time you are developing a product, consider employing the PR FAQ process. Write the press release and FAQs first, focusing on the customer's needs, then work backwards to the solution.