

# Activity 3: Leadership Lore

People have very different views of what leadership is and what it means. From thousands of years ago to present day society, people have been studying and writing about leadership. By examining others' viewpoints of leadership, we are able to come up with a more well-rounded concept of what leadership is.

## OBJECTIVES:

For youth to:

- evaluate different views and definitions of leadership.
- compare their leadership insights with those of others.
- apply views of leadership to real life situations.

## LIFE SKILLS:

- Learn small group communication skills.
- Evaluate and create definitions of leadership.

## MATERIALS:

- LEADERSHIP LORE LIST
- Scissors
- Bowl or basket
- Flip chart paper
- Markers

## TIME:

15 minutes

## SETTING:

Comfortable room with tables and chairs.

## DO

- As youth enter the room, have them draw one quote each from the basket and allow them to read it.
- Have the youth find the other participants who have the same quote. Have all youth with the same quote form a group to discuss their reactions to the quote and how it relates to leadership. Have youth relate the quote to leadership and real life situations. Allow youth to write down their quote and some of their observations on flip chart paper with markers.
- After allowing groups ample time for discussion, have a representative from each group present their quote and their reflections to the rest of the participants. Allow other participants to contribute feedback to the groups.

## REFLECT

- Did you agree with the quotes? Why or why not?
- Why do you think the person made that statement?
- Did these quotes change your views concerning leadership?
- Imagine the time period in which the statement was made. What was leadership like during that time period? How has leadership changed since that time?
- If you could select one quote that best represents your leadership style, what would it be? (It can be any quote, not just the ones from this activity). Why?

## APPLY

- How have others' views affected your own ideas concerning leadership?
- Other than the person that made the statements, think of other examples of people whose leadership styles reflect the different philosophies.





# LEADERSHIP LORE LIST

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*"Give me but one firm place to stand and I will move the earth."*  
**Archimedes**

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*"It is time for a new generation of leadership to cope with new problems and new opportunities. For there is a new world to be won."*

**John F. Kennedy**

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*"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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*"If we take people as we find them, we may make them worse, but if we treat them as though they are what they should be, we help them to become what they are capable of becoming."*

**Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

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*"The secret of life is to know who you are and where you are going."*

**Anonymous**

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*"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."*

**George Patton**

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*"A leader is anyone who has two characteristics; first, he is going someplace; second, he is able to persuade other people to go with him."*

**W. H. Cowley**



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*"Leadership in the nineties is the productive integration of diversity."*

**David Bruno**



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*"A military operation involves deception. Even though you are competent, appear to be incompetent. Though effective, appear to be ineffective."*

**Sun-tzu**



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*"The ultimate measure of a person is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy."*

**Martin Luther King, Jr**



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*"The only time success comes before work is in the dictionary."*

**Lori Spivey**



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*"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."*

**John F. Kennedy**

