

A leader means being responsible for a group of people and to influence or guide them in ways which benefit them. Possessing leadership qualities makes you an individual who people look up to.

Being a leader requires you to hold some qualities. A few of them can be being honest, having effective communication skills, courage, consistency, a visionary outlook, selflessness, good amount of knowledge to pass it on to your peers and much more. A good leader is always determined to make their whole team better and stronger together. A leader can make great decisions but always takes in account the opinions of others. Such people are admired and are so good at dealing with people in general that they are chosen to lead others hence called leaders.

My story of being a leader taught me a lot of lessons. So once, when I was in high school, my teacher assigned the class a group presentation worth fifty percent of the whole class grade. I was selected to be the leader of my group. As it was my first time being entrusted with such a responsible role, I was very excited to go forth about it. I made a mind map and gave everyone their roles. I didn't quite ask anybody for any opinions and just went with how I wanted it to be. A week before that big day our teacher held some trials to see if we were doing good and when my team presented, everything looked really messed up and our teacher was not happy about it. After the trials I went to her and told her how I made my team prepare for it. After a long pause she just asked me if I talked to my peers about what they are good at and what they'll be more willing to do and of course, I answered that I did not. She then explained me how important communication is when we are working with a team. She told me to have a group meeting with my team.

After that I went home and called everyone on a group call. I asked everyone how they felt about the roles they were given and I was taken aback by how many people were not happy with what they were given. Then I asked everyone what they were comfortable doing and what setbacks each person was facing. A girl named Sandra who was given the content finding part was actually good at designing and shaping the look of the PowerPoint and the guy who was assigned to write in a presentable manner was great at finding the content. I had to make a lot of changes according to my group-mates but after that I felt like everything was going smoothly.

As we worked on our project I kept asking and helping all my team-mates. I assured that anyone struggling with anything was taken care of. Everyone was bonding in a good manner and within a few days our work was completed and then we all sat together and reviewed it. As we were reviewing, I kept on noting all the new changes anyone wanted to add. We kept editing our presentation and improving it until every individual of the team was satisfied with it.

Soon enough the day of presenting came and I was really confident about the work of my fellows. It was the task of every team leader to present the presentation. As I went in front of the class I got really nervous as I had stage fright which was not a good sign as I had to be very confident if I was to present

it. I took a deep breath in and remembered how my mentor always helped me fight this fear of mine. "If the fear takes over just calm yourself down by breathing deep and act like you don't care how many people are in front of you or what they will think". I kept repeating these lines under my breath and after two minutes I was ready. I knew that now it was my chance to not let all my team's effort go to waste. I stepped forward and very calmly started to give the presentation. After I was done, I took a glance at my teacher and saw her smiling at me which was backed by a round of applause by my whole class. I sighed in relief. I, then realized how I managed to fight my fear and I could not be more happy.

I learned a few lessons from this experience which helped me build such qualities that also improved me as a person. I learned to be a good leader who makes sure the whole team is on the same page, who helps everyone, is very flexible with everything and is a person who is confident and knows how to communicate everything. I also learned that it is in fact very important as a human to have these qualities too.