

## Leadership Essay

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Leadership is a huge part of our daily lives, we see it everywhere we go and if you don't there is always some type of leadership happening right where you are at. There is always someone taking matters into their own hands and making sure everything is working to the best of their ability. Many times in your life you have had to be a leader and step up for the better of yourself, others, and the situation you were in. Leadership has been a huge part of why we are where we are at today and why we are so advanced in everything, because of the great leadership we have had in the past and now in the present.

First, you may be asking what leadership is? Leadership "is the ability of an individual or a group of individuals to influence and guide followers or other members of an organization". A leader can sometimes be a great leader or a bad leader. Some great leaders you might know of are George Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., and Abraham Lincoln. George Washington was able to be a great leader during the American Revolution when he led his troops to victory and helped build a foundation for the United Nation and give his people freedom. Martin Luther also helped lead his people to help fight justice and it might have not happened when he was alive but his leadership carries on and because of his leadership he made more justice in the world the time he was here and after. The last great leader Abraham Lincoln helped lead the Civil War. He saw the country was separated and fought for us to be reunited because he knew we were better and stronger together. These leaders had the best intentions for everybody and everything this is why they are known as some of the greatest leaders ever. Not all leaders have good intentions

for the people around them. One of the most cruel leaders is Adolf Hitler even though he knew how to lead his army and was a leader he was not a great one because leaders are supposed to take care of their people and have the best intentions for them. Instead he did everything for the wrong reason and out of selfishness. Being a leader doesn't always mean you are good or the best at what you do.

Next, there were many times I can recall being a leader. There was a time I can remember I was an all around leader. There was a time when I was playing in a basketball game and our coach got kicked out of the game and I was the leader of the team. We were losing the game and nothing was going our way and I could see the defeat on the players' faces because we were losing and had no momentum and hope. I knew at that moment I had to step up and lead our team to victory, it wasn't the easiest thing to do because I am not the greatest when the pressure is on me and people are depending on me. I am not the best because I don't like letting people down, but I knew there was a reason the team and coach picked me to be a leader, and I know if I didn't step up at that moment that I would disappoint them more. I then gave a speech and spoke to the whole team and became the coach on and off the court. I gave them hope again and a reason why to give it their all. This inspired them, but what also helped is my body language on the court and the way I played I didn't let anything affect me. I just played harder to show my team what it takes to win. They ended up doing the same thing and were lifting each other because of how I lifted them up and gave them hope. We ended up winning the game and at that moment I became a better leader.

Lastly, in the book they talk about Dr. Ignaz, Dr. Ignaz was a doctor who made it a point to show why washing your hands is so important. Dr. Ignaz showed his leadership in finding out why there were so many deaths of mothers in the hospital he worked in. There was a disease

going around to only mother giving birth or having abortion and no one knew why only they were receiving the disease. Until one day Dr. Ignaz figured it was because the doctors delivering the babies or doing the abortions where not washing there hands and spreading the disease like that. Dr. Ignaz showed his leadership through taking it into his own hands on figuring out the solution to better the hospital and all the people in it, patients and doctors. He showed his leadership by eliminating each problem one by one. He first did his research to see who were being affected and saw it was only mothers, then he commanded his doctors to switch rooms and do the surgery's a certain way to make sure they were doing everything right. Next he figured out that some doctors were washing their hands and told every doctor to wash their hands and everything around them. After that happened he figured out the solution without his leadership and taking matters into his own hands and telling people what to do to solve the solution without him this disease could have killed many more people in the hospital.

In conclusion as you can see leadership can be shown in many ways and has been shown many times in history and in the present. Leadership has been a huge part of why we are where we are at today and why we are so advanced in everything, because of the great leadership we have had in the past and now in the present. Leadership will always play a huge role in big events that will happen or even little things and our daily lives. When you have the moment to be a leader take it and do it to you best ability because maybe that day you will be known forever.