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Success in leadership

A leader is someone who paves a way for others, someone who guides and supports them, and they are people we look up to. They can be our teachers, parents, celebrities, or the government for example. Successful leaders are strong-willed, independent role models who selflessly put others before themselves time after time. Every leader should be feared, influential, and a difference maker in some way. All leaders who inspire others can make a difference in the world. Coaches, for instance, show excellent leadership by inspiring young athletes to coach themselves when they are older. Coach Eniola leads by example, which makes her an amazing leader. Her belief and support in her athletes are what makes her so great. She pushes, but not too hard and is always there when things are hard. Her leadership and wisdom have inspired many track athletes. Inspiration is not all, a successful leader should be appropriately feared as well. In Machiavelli’s expert “The Prince” he writes “a wise prince should establish himself on that which is in his own control and not that of others” (Machiavelli 2). Somebody in a position of power did not get there by making friends, but through sacrifice and tough decisions which stem from building their power on fear. When a leader is feared, it establishes authority and keeps people in line. Although, a good leader also knows not to abuse this fear, they know when to draw the line and to not cross it. Additionally, those who work hard make great examples for others. Nelson Mandela, one of the most successful social rights activists was a black man who spent his life fighting for others. Mandela spent 27 years of his life in prison and did not give up. After getting out, Mandela transformed South Africa, playing a big part in reconciling black and white people. Not only did he restore black rights, but as a testament of his success, Nelson Mandela had the honor of being South Africa’s first black president. Put simply, an incredible leader is respected, consistent, and inspirational. They are people who leave the game better than they found it and are forces to be reckoned with. They make the world shine a little brighter and are one of a kind. As an excellent leader always said, “with great power comes great responsibility.”

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