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Successful Leaders That Will be Remembered

Many leaders in history have led people to defeat and an ongoing question throughout time is what makes a good leader. One should be discipline like Hannibal, attentive like Kamala Harris, and passionate like Mr. McCaffery. Overtime leaders have found qualities that appeal to their followers. Hannibal’s military experience was appealing to his soldiers due to his discipline. The reason for Hannibal's success was, “Proven by the case of Scipio, that most excellent man, not only for his own times but within the memory of man, against whom, nevertheless, his army rebelled in Spain; this arose from nothing but his too great forbearance, which gave his soldiers more license than is consistent with military discipline” (Machiavelli). Unlike Scipio, Hannibal was the perfect amount of discipline without people wanting to rebel. Hannibal created a state of order for his soldiers in contrast to Scipio, who was far too lenient. Kamala Harris is attentive to her followers needs. She constantly pushes for the rights of her people, “We have fought too long and too hard to see our daughters grow up with fewer rights than our mothers” (Harris). Kamala Harris is attentive to her followers by understanding people’s hardships even if she has not experienced them. She understands how determined her followers have been to live in a world where they feel protected, and she wants to be the one who can advocate on their behalf. Mr McCaffrey’s passionate teaching leads students to be confident in their learning. Every lesson he teaches captivates students and allows them to be passionate about school. This new school year he began the grade eleven law class with a case study. “A case was taken to the court where a young man was hit by a driver. The young man was laying in the middle of the road, in all dark clothes, and was extremely intoxicated” (McCaffery). It was clear to all the students that the driver was not at fault, but Mr. McCaffery asked us to think more about it. He asked us to think about the age of the boy and if he could have been pressured or forced to drink so much. He asked if the boy could have had mental health issues causing him to end up in a state like that. He asked if someone else should have been responsible for the state he was in, like the person who supplied the alcohol to him. After discussing all those possibilities, it caused the students to re-look the situation and because of Mr. McCaffery's passion for teaching it made the students more involved in their learning. *Excerpt from The Prince* allowed students to interpret Machiavelli’s critical question, is it better for a leader to be feared or loved. He believes a leader who is feared will eliminate the problem of their followers abandoning their leader, this is shown through great leaders all throughout time. A leader should be discipline like Hannibal, attentive like Kamala Harris, and passionate like Mr McCaffery.

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