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Essential Traits to gain Successful Leadership

To be a successful leader, one must possess multiple attributes in order to succeed. This world history is full of successful leaders across the globe but, to truly stand out key traits are required. Fear, intelligence and determination are factors shown through Hannibal from *The Prince,* Alexander the Great and Barak Obama.A necessary skill used by a leader is fear which is clearly shown in *The Prince*. Hannibal, former general reigned in fear, “with his boundless valor, made him revered and terrible in the sight of his soldiers,” (Machiavelli 2). It is clearly shown that with fear, Hannibal earned respect, created order and gained loyal and obedient soldiers, which is vital to being a successful leader. As important as being a fearful leader, intelligence is an important factor that Alexander the Great used to reign over Asia successfully. He was told if he could untie a complex knot, he would be granted the right to rule all of Asia. So, he cut the knot with a sword right through the middle. That intelligent strategy gained him supporters in hundreds of countries, this proves how important the use of one's brain is to become successful as a leader and gain loyal citizens. In addition, intelligence paired up with ambition is a remarkable way to lead. On Quora.com a supporter of Barack Obama gave a big reason on why they were so drawn to voting Obama and reading the text shows how obvious that the determination and drive to do his best as the president of America is the reason he was so successful. If a leader doesn’t have that ambition to do well and genuinely want the best for their country, then there would be no reason behind becoming one in the first place. These three attributes seen in *The Prince* where Hannibal reigned over his solders by using fear to earn obedience, how Alexander the Great highlighted how intelligence grants you loyalty and how Barak Obama, former president of the United States exemplifies how determination leads to respect are essential traits to gain successfulness through leadership.

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