exemplar / ɪgˈzemplɑ/ noun

(formal) a good or typical example

***Gay marriage debate - Tony Jones talks to Jim Wallace and Bob Brown*:  It's inevitable that we are going that way but there's a blockage by politicians and John Howard was the exemplar of that by a very tiny minority lobby trying to take the rights of more than a million Australians to have access to their union and their love for each other being recognised in public the same as everybody else's.**