



Winning Essay on **LEADERSHIP**

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Leadership - a word that means different things to different people. According to Susan Ward, "Leadership is the act of motivating a group of people towards achieving a common aim." According to Grill (1954) and Cartwright (1965) "Leadership is an attitude of position." To my understanding though, leadership simply means the ability to lead or direct a group of people.

Leadership is evident in every aspect of life. Different levels of leadership exist. With respect to different forms of leadership, leadership can thus be seen in the family, organizations, states, nations and local government. The father is the bread winner of the family, thus he is the leader, while in the state and local government we have the governors and local government chairmen respectively. At National level of leadership you have the president as the leader and as one who says what will happen in his country.

Leaders are made because of some traits or qualities seen in them. The quality seen in a leader determines the type of leader the person will be. For one to be a good leader, he or she should be honest, patient, have an inspiring spirit, humble, responsible, dedicated and selfless in service. He should be a good communicator and an open minded person who works well with others and also has a positive outlook to life.

He should be a role model whom his followers look up to, should be one who is ready to admit his mistakes and take correction. The above listed qualities endear a leader to his followers and foster as well as encourage good followership.

Leadership can also be found among the youths of today. A youth leader is a person who poses as a role model to others. The person can either be young or old but will help the youths positively by encouraging them to bring out the best in them. If he is young, he stands a head taller than his peers because he uses his initiative to solve problems without antagonizing the two parties involved in a conflict.

In conclusion, leadership is closely associated with two terms - the influencing agent and the person being influenced. Leaders are needed in organizations and communities because no organization can stand alone as a formal abstract design. The essence of leadership is therefore inter-personal and action oriented.

