



Winning Essay on **LEADERSHIP**

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Leadership is the art of governing, piloting or directing the affairs and seeing to the welfare of a society, country, organization or group of individuals. Any person who leads or directs an organization, society, country as the case may be, is known as a leader.

We have several types of leadership. Examples of such leadership are institutional leadership. In Nigeria there are so many institutions like religious institutions, health institutions, educational institutions, etc. All these institutions are headed and governed by a leader. Another type of leadership is political leadership. In Nigeria, there are three outstanding arms of the government and they are headed by leaders. For example, the Executive is headed by the president, governors and the local government chairmen. Whereas the legislative are headed by senate president and finally, the judiciary arm also have leaders like chief magistrate etc.

There are some positions which leaders occupy, like family leadership, the governorship position etc. A leader steps in position either by election, inheritance, coercion or force, appointment etc. When leaders step into positions they have authority and power which distinguish them from ordinary citizens.

It is supposed that leaders should have nice qualities to maintain good leadership. For example, a leader has to be educated and not just educated but extraordinarily intelligent in academics so that he/she can understand academic problems facing his followers. A leader also should possess good

moral behavior for easier emulation and practice by his/ her followers. To maintain good leadership, a leader should be devoted to his/her work, emotional and sympathizing, polite and have a good sense of judgment in handling issues.

We have so many styles of leadership, like democratic leadership, here the top citizens are allowed to take part together with leaders making decisions and plans. Followers of this type of leadership say their opinions and mind set towards matters facing the organization or society as the case may be. We also have autocratic leadership as a style of leadership. Mainly it used to be a tough leadership because everything goes by force. Followers are not allowed to express their minds but have to follow the dictators and so many other styles of leadership.

There is a need to have good leadership in order to create and improve the situation of peace and harmony. Good leadership brings joy and cheerfulness and on the other hand bad leadership invites crisis and fracas in the society. Bad leadership makes it tough for the poor to cope. It brings premature death. As a result of dangerous things that bad leadership brings to the community; it is good to eradicate it entirely.

In conclusion for peace and harmony to reign in a country or organization, it is necessary therefore to stick to good and upright leadership. Secondly a leader who aspires for the growth of his/her followers should possess good qualities and personalities for easier emulation and productivity towards his or her followers.

