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**What makes a good  
leader?**



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# Vocabulary

**Ceremony** – a formal or public occasion celebrating an event.

**Collectively** – as a group or as a whole.

**Inauguration** – the formal admission of a new leader to their new position.

**Inspire** – fill someone with the urge or ability to feel or do something.

**Oath** – a formal promise, especially a promise to be loyal to a person or country.

**Predecessor** – a person who had the job before the current holder.

# What's going on this week?

## Look at this week's poster on the first page.

On 20th January, Joe Biden became the 46th President of the United States, taking over from his predecessor, Donald Trump.

The inauguration ceremony took place last week, marking the start of the new president's time in charge.

Usually, the outgoing president attends to welcome in the next president, but this year Mr Trump did not attend the event.

In the oath taken at the ceremony, Joe Biden promised to the American people to do his best to protect the country and do a good job of being their leader.



# Main Question: What makes a good leader?

Watch this virtual assembly video from Picture News. Click on “Watch our Virtual Assembly” when you get to the website.

<http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss>



A leader is a person who is in charge of a group, organisation or country. They lead or command the people who are in that group, organisation or country. Have you come across any of these before? Can you think of any other examples of leaders?

### Prime Minister

The head of the government, who is in charge of leading the country. Our Prime Minister is Boris Johnson.

### Supermarket manager

Part of their role involves giving other staff tasks, organising training and checking everyone is doing what they should be.

### Headteacher

The person in charge of a school. Who is your headteacher?

### Football manager

The person in charge of selecting players, planning their formation and strategy and motivating them to win matches! Frank Lampard is the manager of Chelsea Football Club.



### School council

Children who represent their class when putting forward their views and help to make improvements to school.

### Chief constable

The person who has overall responsibility for leading their area's police force.



Can you name any other managers? Do you play football? Do you have a coach or manager?

# Leader

Have you ever been a leader e.g. at school, in a club, at home?

What was it like? Did you enjoy it?

If you have never been a leader, would you like to be? Why?

As a leader, you are in charge of other people. Do you think this would be a hard or easy job?

Do you think a leader who bosses people around and tells them what to do all the time is a good leader?



Look at the comments below, where some people share their opinions about leadership.

**Do you think anyone can be a leader?** Can you think of a time when someone has had to lead when they didn't want to? **Do you think everyone will agree that someone is a good leader?** Why?

I think anyone can become a leader if they want to but they may not necessarily be a good leader and if they are not, they may not stay in that leadership position for long.

Kinza

Not everyone can be a leader. If you cannot be organised, confident, resilient, honest or have vision, good communication skills and be able to motivate others, then being a leader is not for you!

Bartek

Not everyone wants to be a leader. Sometimes people end up having to lead even if they don't want to!

Logan

I think anyone can be a leader if they want to be. You can learn to develop the skills that will help you to become a leader. However, the more people you lead, the trickier I think it is to be seen as a good leader in everyone's eyes.

Jasmine

# KS1 Follow up activities

Make a list of some of your leaders e.g. your sports coach, your teacher, your parents.

Choose one of your leaders to create an interview to find out more about them.

You could include:

- What do you lead?
- Do you enjoy being a leader?
- Do you think you are a good leader?
- What do you find hard about being a leader?



If possible, ask your questions and listen to the answers carefully.

You can draw a picture and write some sentences about your leader.



# KS1 Follow-up activities

Lead a **fitness session** either for your family at home or in school.

Here are some things to think about:

- Plan your session
- Make sure you model what you want people to do
- Give clear instructions • Give praise and encouragement
- Be supportive and positive
- Be confident

Once you have led your session, think about if you enjoyed being a leader.

Perhaps you could even ask the people you were leading if they enjoyed your session and if they thought you were a good leader!



# Reflection

A leader is someone who leads or commands a group, organisation or country. Some people want to be a leader, others do not. Being a leader is a responsibility but a good leader can really make a difference!

There are certain qualities, skills and attributes which will help in positions of leadership. If you want to be a good leader, you can develop these skills. It is important to remember not everyone may want to be a leader and not everyone will agree on what makes a good leader.

There are many qualities that make someone a good leader. True leaders aim to see the bigger picture. They support, inspire and care about others, ensuring that collectively they are helping to improve things for all.





# British Values

25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

## Democracy

Many countries hold votes to allow people the choice to decide who will become their leader. When a leader of a democracy is elected, he or she agrees to listen to the opinions of the people.

## Extra - This Week's Useful Websites:

- This week's news story

[www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/55600682](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/55600682)

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