

Leadership Clues

Use leaders' actions to identify the qualities they show.

4.16.B "identify leadership qualities of state and local leaders, past and present."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each action a leader took and circle the leadership quality it shows, so you can connect evidence to a leader's character.

Texas Leaders in Action

- ① Barbara Jordan served in the Texas Senate from 1967 to 1973. She was the first Black woman elected to the Texas Senate. Jordan prepared carefully for debates and spoke clearly about laws she believed were fair. Her work required courage because few women and Black Texans held state offices then. These actions show that she treated public service seriously.
- ② Henry Cisneros was mayor of San Antonio from 1981 to 1989. During his time as mayor, he urged people to work together on improving downtown San Antonio and city neighborhoods. He supported projects for housing, jobs, and cultural activities in the city. His focus on long-term improvement showed vision, while working with many people showed cooperation.
- ③ Today, Greg Abbott serves as governor of Texas. He has held this office since 2015. The governor works with the Texas Legislature and can sign or veto bills. Abbott has called special sessions of the Legislature to consider issues he believes need action. This choice shows persistence, because he continued seeking action on those issues. State leaders must also explain their choices to the public.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did Barbara Jordan do that showed courage?

2 Which two leadership qualities did Henry Cisneros show? Give one action from the passage for each quality.

3 Which leader in the passage serves today, and what quality does calling special sessions show?

4 Name one action by Jordan and one action by Cisneros. What leadership quality does each action show?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a past or present state or local leader not named in the passage. Write three sentences that name the leader and office, identify one leadership quality, and describe one action or decision that supports that quality.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each action a leader took and circle the leadership quality it shows, so you can connect evidence to a leader's character. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Barbara Jordan do that showed courage?	She spoke about laws she believed were fair when few women and Black Texans held state offices.
2	Which two leadership qualities did Henry Cisneros show? Give one action from the passage for each quality.	He showed vision by focusing on long-term improvement. He showed cooperation by urging people to work together.
3	Which leader in the passage serves today, and what quality does calling special sessions show?	Greg Abbott serves today as governor of Texas. Calling special sessions shows persistence.
4	Name one action by Jordan and one action by Cisneros. What leadership quality does each action show?	Answers may include: Jordan spoke about fair laws, showing courage. Cisneros urged people to work together, showing cooperation.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Mark White was governor of Texas from 1983 to 1987. He showed a commitment to education. In 1984, he signed House Bill 72, a law that changed Texas public schools.

Accept other leadership qualities when the student supports each one with a relevant action from the passage. For Your Turn, accept a factually accurate leader, office, quality, and supporting action or decision.