

Leaders at Work

Read how elected leaders represent Texans at different levels.

4.16 "Citizenship. The student understands the importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic. The student is expected to: identify leaders in state, local, and national governments, including the governor..."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each office or leader title in the passage. Circle each word that names a leadership quality, so you can notice what effective leaders do.

Representing Texas

- ① In a constitutional republic, people elect leaders to represent them and follow the Constitution and laws. At the national level, each state has two U.S. senators. Texas voters also elect a U.S. representative for their congressional district. These leaders help make federal laws and listen to people across Texas. They can bring local concerns to meetings in Washington, D.C.
- ② Texas has a governor, who leads the executive branch of state government. Your Texas Legislature members are a state senator and a state representative chosen from areas near where you live. A local mayor leads city government. These leaders can study problems, hear different views, explain choices, and work for the public good. They must make decisions fairly and responsibly.
- ③ Texas has connections to four presidents: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush. Eisenhower was born in Denison, and Johnson was born near Stonewall. The two Bushes built major political careers in Texas, and George W. Bush also served as governor. Past and present leaders show honesty, responsibility, courage, listening, and respect.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What two kinds of national leaders do Texas voters elect?

2 Who leads Texas state government, and what are the two kinds of local Texas Legislature members?

3 Who leads city government? Name one way this leader can help serve the public.

4 Name two presidents with Texas connections. Then name two leadership qualities from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Think of one problem in a city, such as a dangerous crossing or a messy park. Write exactly three sentences: name the leader who could help, tell one action the leader could take, and name two qualities the leader should show.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each office or leader title in the passage. Circle each word that names a leadership quality, so you can notice what effective leaders do. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What two kinds of national leaders do Texas voters elect?	U.S. senators and a U.S. representative.
2	Who leads Texas state government, and what are the two kinds of local Texas Legislature members?	The governor leads Texas state government. The local Texas Legislature members are a state senator and a state representative.
3	Who leads city government? Name one way this leader can help serve the public.	A mayor leads city government. A mayor can study problems, hear different views, explain choices, or work for the public good.
4	Name two presidents with Texas connections. Then name two leadership qualities from the passage.	Answers include any two of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush; and any two of honesty, responsibility, courage, listening, and respect.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The mayor could help make a dangerous crossing safer. The mayor could listen to families and ask the city to add a crosswalk. The mayor should show responsibility and respect.

Accept equivalent descriptions of the offices and any leadership qualities stated in the passage. For Your Turn, accept a reasonable state or local leader when the action fits that leader's role and the response has exactly three sentences.