

Leadership Clues

Find the qualities shown by national leaders, past and present.

5.18.B "identify leadership qualities of national leaders, past and present."

NAME _____

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that name a leadership quality. Circle actions that show leadership, then use your marks to connect actions and qualities.

Leading a Nation

- ① During the Revolutionary War, George Washington led the Continental Army. His soldiers faced shortages, cold weather, and long months away from home. Washington stayed with the army and listened to advice from people he trusted. He showed perseverance by continuing through difficult conditions. He also showed responsibility by working to keep the army together until the colonies won independence.
- ② Eleanor Roosevelt used her public role to speak about problems facing many Americans. She traveled to schools, workplaces, and communities, then shared what she learned with President Franklin Roosevelt and other officials. Later, she helped lead the United Nations group that wrote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Her curiosity, empathy, and courage helped her speak up for people whose concerns were often ignored.
- ③ National leaders serving today, including the president, members of Congress, and federal judges, make choices that affect people across the country. Strong leadership can include listening carefully, studying evidence, explaining decisions clearly, and treating others fairly. Leaders may disagree about solutions, but citizens can look for qualities such as honesty, courage, cooperation, and a willingness to serve the public.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which leadership quality did George Washington show by continuing through difficult conditions?

2 How did Eleanor Roosevelt show empathy or courage? Use one detail from the passage.

3 List two leadership qualities that citizens can look for in national leaders today.

4 What action in Washington's leadership is also listed as important for national leaders today?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a national leader from the past or present who is not named in the passage. Write exactly three sentences: name the leader and a real action, name one leadership quality, and explain how the action shows that quality.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that name a leadership quality. Circle actions that show leadership, then use your marks to connect actions and qualities. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which leadership quality did George Washington show by continuing through difficult conditions?	Perseverance.
2	How did Eleanor Roosevelt show empathy or courage? Use one detail from the passage.	She spoke up for people whose concerns were often ignored.
3	List two leadership qualities that citizens can look for in national leaders today.	Any two: honesty, courage, cooperation, or a willingness to serve the public.
4	What action in Washington's leadership is also listed as important for national leaders today?	Washington listened to advice from people he trusted. National leaders today should listen carefully.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Shirley Chisholm became the first Black woman elected to the United States Congress in 1968. She spoke for equal rights and opportunities for people who were often left out of decisions. Her courage showed in her willingness to represent their concerns.

Accept equivalent evidence-based responses to Questions 2 and 4. For Your Turn, accept a different national leader if the action is accurate and the stated quality is reasonably supported by that action.