

What Does a Leader Look Like?

You don't have to wear a uniform or lead an army to be a leader. Leaders step up in tough moments, support others, and make choices that matter, whether on the battlefield or in everyday life.

During World War II, people like Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, President Lyndon B. Johnson, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and President George H.W. Bush led in very different ways and showed characteristics like courage, respect, determination, and calm thinking during a crisis.

Now it's your turn to think about what leadership looks like in your life.

Leadership Essay (500-750 words)

Choose two or more WWII leaders we've talked about, Nimitz, Eisenhower, LBJ, or Bush, and answer these questions:

- What leadership qualities stood out to you?
- How have you shown those traits in your own life, at school, with friends, in sports, or your community?
- How can the lessons you learned from WWII leadership help you in the future?

Use real-life examples. Think about a moment where you had to step up, solve a problem, or support someone else.

SEL Reflection (1 to 2 paragraphs)

Pick one of these prompts to respond to:

1. Which WWII leadership trait do you see most in yourself? Share a time you showed that trait.
2. What's one leadership skill you want to build? What's one small step you could take to improve it?
3. Why do you think leadership with integrity and calm matters in hard times? How can someone your age lead during everyday challenges?