

STEP UP TO BE A LEADER

ACTIVITY

Time Needed

- 20 minutes (design the interview)
- 20 minutes (conduct the interview)
- 20 minutes (reflect and write up the interview)

Materials

- Note-taking supplies
- List of questions (below)
- Thank-you note supplies

Activity Description

One of the best ways to learn how to do something is by studying how others do it. You will design an interview to talk to someone you look up to and learn about what it takes to be a leader.

Suggested Steps

1. Think of a leader, or someone who brings people together, within your school, neighborhood, or community. They could be the captain of a team, someone who started a club, a class officer, an administrator, teacher, coach, activity sponsor, community organizer, etc..
2. Think about what makes a leader a leader. Write down 5–10 leader-like characteristics that the leader you chose demonstrates.
3. Consider the following interview questions. Include two questions of your own.
 - How would you describe yourself?
 - What do you enjoy about your work/community activity?
 - What do you enjoy about your role as a leader?
 - Did you actively decide to be a leader? How did it happen?
 - What challenges have you faced as a leader? How did you handle them?
 - What do you think makes a good leader?
 - Tell me something about yourself I might not know.
4. Find a time to meet with the person you chose, and interview them with your list of questions. Take notes during the interview.
5. Write a thank-you note to the person you interviewed. Include a summary of the interview itself, something you learned, and something you will try or do as a result of the interview. Don't forget to send it!



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