

## Leadership Explained

### Key Concepts

**What is leadership and why is it important in the public service sector?**

- **Leadership** is the ability to motivate and organize others around common cause.
- **Leadership** can look different for everyone. Some use coaching help drive motivation. Others take a hands-on approach working alongside their peers.



### Reflection Activity

What are some characteristics of good leaders? Write down three leaders you look up to. Then, write down their qualities that you admire.

Leader	Leadership Quality
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

Write about a time when you or someone you know took charge in your community. What was the situation? How did they (or you) demonstrate leadership? What qualities made them (or you) a good leader?

### Extension Activity

Take on the role of the commander in chief by playing [Convene the Council](http://www.icivics.org/games) or [Executive Command](http://www.icivics.org/games) (www.icivics.org/games) to practice the skills it takes to be a good leader. Then share what leadership skills you think a good president has with a friend.