

Leadership Explained

Learning Objectives

- Describe leadership in the military and public service sectors
- Investigate how young people can be active leaders in their communities
- Engage in direct discussion
- Analyze the video's topic and connect it to daily life

About the Video (Time 6:24)

In this video, students learn about leadership and its role in the military and in public service. Leadership is the ability to motivate and organize others around a common cause. Students gain an understanding of several styles and acts of leadership as they hear from former military leaders. Then they explore how they themselves can become an active leader in their communities. The video ends with a call to action (CTA) question that can be used to launch a class discussion or serve as a writing prompt.



Lesson Ideas



- **Use the video and discussion questions as a bell ringer activity to kick off class with your students.**
- **Extend the video by having students complete the accompanying student handout.**
- **Connect the video to additional learning opportunities through iCivics games and lessons.**

Video Discussion Questions

1. Some leaders rely on coaching, whereas others prefer working alongside their teammates. What examples of leadership have you experienced? [00:10 - 00:36]
2. Chris, an Air Force veteran, believes that good leaders work alongside their teammates. What other characteristics are essential for a good leader? [01:16 - 01:51]
3. Angela, an Army veteran, suggests that young people seek mentorship from existing leaders to help develop their own leadership skills. Who are the leaders that you know in your town, state, or school? How could they help you learn leadership skills? [05:17 - 05:45]
4. Recall a time when you took charge and acted as a leader, or describe a situation in which you could act as a leader.
5. How do you think that young people can become active leaders in their communities?