

Create a story about an important leader using storyboarding or writing.



# **Activity Overview**

#### Purpose

Discuss and learn about leadership qualities; Create stories about leadership moments and acts.

#### **Objectives**

Adolescents will be able to:

Describe some characteristics of a leader.

#### **Competency domains**

Creativity and innovation; Leadership and influence.

## Works well for

Adolescents who can write well and have practice creating storyboards.

#### Phase

Connecting.

## **Before**

Prepare material for storyboards and/or writing stories.

#### After

Discuss leadership and developing leadership skills.



# Leadership Story Telling



# Facilitator says:

"Think of a person you know who is a leader even though they aren't in an official leadership role."

Give time for adolescents to think of an example write it down on a piece of paper or in their notebooks.

On the marker board write: This person is a leader because...

#### |||| Facilitator says:

"What makes them a leader? What qualities do they have?"

Ask adolescents to finish the sentence on their paper or notebook.

## **Explain**:

Participants will create a story about this leader either by writing or by creating a storyboard. The story should involve a moment or situation when the person showed leadership.

# Do & Don't

Let participants choose a leader.

Let participants choose if they want to write their story or create a storyboard.

Choose the leaders for participants.

Let participants choose political leaders or official leaders, since the goal of the activity is to think of leadership qualities that people in non-traditional leadership positions have.

Х Require adolescents to share their personal goal statements.

# Adaptation

Low-literacy: Let participants draw pictures of their chosen leader and/or use pictures to create a story about that chosen leader.

Give participants time to draw their stories.

# **Sharing and Take Away:**

After participants have finished creating their stories, invite volunteers to share using a gallery walk, or by presenting and telling their stories.

#### **Discuss:**

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- Why did you choose this person as a 'leader?'.
- What qualities do all of these leaders have in common? Examples (positive, friendly, patient, kind, hard-working).
- Which of these leadership qualities would you like to develop?

Ask participants to write a personal goal statement in their notebook that begins,

"I would like to be more of a leader by..."

They can keep their goal statement for future reference.

# **Environment**

Indoor or outdoor space.

#### **Supplies**

- Paper for each participant.
- Pencils for each participant.
- Coloured pencils for participants who are drawing.

#### Improvise

Adolescents can act out the stories they create in a role play.

#### Continue

Ask participants to continue to think about leadership skills they would like to have and develop. Explain to participants that leadership skills can be practiced and developed over time.

