

DEFINITION OF A “LEADER”

A “leader” is one who inspires others to follow. A leader is someone who guides us by his or her example and advises us from his or her own personal experience. A leader is a mentor who teaches us “the tricks of the trade.” A leader must be wise in the use of power and never compromise the beliefs of the group.

QUALITIES OF A LEADER

Must be a good self-advocate

Shows self-confidence but is never cocky or arrogant

Has a vision of what the world should be

Takes the initiative to start things happening

Can motivate or convince others – willing to delegate

Is knowledgeable about the issues - willing to learn

**Is willing to take on added responsibilities - detail oriented –
has good follow-through skills**

**Is able to see different sides of the issue, and is willing to take
a stand on an issue even if others disagree**

**Understands the values of the group and influences others
based on them**

Is willing to compromise in actions, not in principles

**Is able to figure out who the "key-players" are and can “get to
them”**

Can see "the big picture"

Is able to see the consequences of actions, and accepts them