

Leadership Qualities

OBJECTIVE / RATIONALE

Students are encouraged to recognize leadership qualities that should be exhibited by health care professionals. The student is expected to identify traits of leaders as well as demonstrate skills, characteristics, and responsibilities of leaders and group members.

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TAKS ELA 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

KEY POINTS

- I. A leader is a person who directs with authority and influence.
- II. Desirable qualities of leadership include
 - A. a willingness to lead
 - B. acceptance by those to be led
 - C. the ability to identify and organize goals
 - D. good work ethics
 - E. dependability;
 - F. self-confidence

ACTIVITIES

- I. Recall the short story “One at A Time” and determine whether or not the man in the story is making a difference as a leader.
- II. Create by brainstorming a list of prominent leaders.
- III. List and rank, qualities that are important for a health care leader to possess.
- IV. Write an essay of not more than 250 words on three leadership qualities.

MATERIALS / RESOURCES

Copy of the short story, “One at A Time”

ASSESSMENT

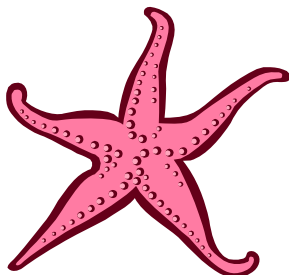
A Writing rubric will be provided prior to the assignment.

ACCOMMODATIONS

For reinforcement, students will locate an article illustrating desirable leadership qualities and list the qualities found.

For enrichment, research a health care “hero” from the past and discuss the qualities and characteristics that made them a leader.

REFLECTIONS



One At A Time

As an old woman walked the beach at dawn, she noticed a young man ahead of her picking up a starfish and flinging it into the sea. Finally catching up with the man, she asked him why he was doing this. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left until the morning sun.

“But the beach goes on for miles and there are millions of starfish,” countered the old woman. “How can your effort make any difference?”

The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it safely in the waves. “It makes a difference to this one,” he replied.

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