Leadership Research Project

100 Points: Individual assignment

**OVERVIEW:**

When you are not tasked with planning a main event for the school, you will be responsible for researching what Leadership means, what it is, what it looks like. Each of you has a variety of skills, so this assignment will allow you to use your strengths. For example, if you are not afraid of public speaking, you can choose to present your information as a presentation to the class and teacher or a pre-recorded video. Perhaps you prefer writing, an essay would be appropriate. If you want to get more creative, you can display your information in a poster or digital Infograph. Be creative! Remember, this is a large chunk of your grade.

**GOAL:**

This is a self-paced, self directed project. The goal is for you to understand what it takes to be a leader and citizen in the local community. It will also require you to understand when leaders must also follow.

This project works best if you think about your future career. If you aspire to go into teaching, perhaps you meet with a principal or dean. Interested in Law Enforcement? Start with the local National Guard or police department. Do you have what it takes for politics? Perhaps the Mayor’s office or court house. Be creative.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

* Research and present definitions and ideas of what a leader is
* Interview a local leader within the community
  + This individual must be an adult, preferably in a field of interest
    - They cannot work at Mendive, and should not be a relative without prior approval.
    - You may need to contact them within the next two weeks as many people are busy. The sooner, the better.
    - Make sure to explain to them you are a student, researching what it means to be a leader, and you are hoping they can do an interview in-person, or over the phone.
  + Develop what questions you will ask, and record those answers through your note taking, or recording device (recommended for access to information later)
* Present your information through your chosen medium: class presentation, video, website, essay, Infogram, etc.
* Include the following:
  + What is a leader?
  + When does a leader follow?
  + What field did you choose?
  + Is being a leader different in this field from others?
    - Why or why not?
  + Special training required?
  + Who did you interview?
  + What did you ask / responses?
  + What is the big idea that you want to share with everyone?

**SUGGESTIONS:**

Break your project into 3 steps:

1. Planning Phase: What do you want to do? Who will you interview? How much time do you need to complete all the requirements? How will you contact your interviewee?
2. Do It Phase: Read, research, interview. Gather all your information. Use your teacher for ideas and as a resource if you are struggling. They can help ***guide*** you in what sort of questions to ask. We won’t do it for you, but we will help you along the way.
3. Finalize: Put it all together. Make sure you include all the important details and information.

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Complete the following information, detach, and return to your teacher for approval **BEFORE** proceeding in your research

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Field of focus:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Person to interview:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Interview Questions:

What do you hope to learn?

How will you present your final project?