



# LESSON I

## TOPIC: WHAT IS LEADERSHIP?

Objective: Introduce students to the concept of leadership.

### Activity 1: Exploration

## What is **Leadership**?

Leadership is the act of envisioning a goal, and then working with teammates to accomplish that goal. People who practice leadership are called leaders!



### Activity 2: Blast from the Past

#### Liberian Leaders

Today, we will remember examples of leadership from Liberia's recent history.

President George Weah and Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor are two of our most important leaders, and they practice leadership every day by helping to make our country safe and better.



Some other good examples of leaders are: Auntie Leymah Gbowee, who strove for the good of our society by leading a "nonviolent" peace movement. And William Jebor, who is a footballer of our national team, Lonestar.



#### how can a footballer be a leader?

A footballer as a captain leads his or her team on and off the field and always encourages team members to show good behavior.

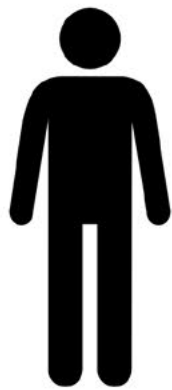
The Co-Founder and Football Director LEAD Monrovia Football Academy, Mr. Sekou Dgeorges Manubah, was a footballer. Now, he has changed his life from football to a more complete leader by co-founding our institution, thereby working towards the growth and development of our country.

### Activity 3: Creative Corner



When you look at these stick figures, what do you imagine in real life?

In this game, you will try drawing one of the stick figures as a real person. You have 20 seconds.



**Pastor**



**Policeman**



**President**



**Teacher**

Together with your special helper, think of three more people in Liberia who could be considered a leader.

Once you think of the three people, try drawing them in your notebook. Let's get started!

Some other examples of leaders are:

1. Abraham Keita – Abraham is the 2015 winner of the International Children's Peace Prize. He stood up for the rights of children to be safe from violence;
2. Satta Wahab – Satta is the founder of a natural hair-care company called Naz Naturals; and
3. Mahmud Johnson – Mahmud is the founder of J-Palm Liberia, a business that turns previously wasted palm kernels into organic beauty products.

### Activity 4: Acts of Leadership

It's time to Play and move with Acts of **Leadership!**

1 Kadiatu is playing football with her friends. She just scored a beautiful goal! Instead of celebrating by pointing to her chest and yelling 'I'm the best!', Kadiatu applauds her teammates and encourages them to score again. Is Kadiatu a leader?

Yes  No

2 David is the head of his department at the Liberia Telecommunications Authority. He arrives to work late, leaves early, and plays games on his phone while at work. He doesn't pay attention to his friends who work with him. Is David a leader?

Yes  No

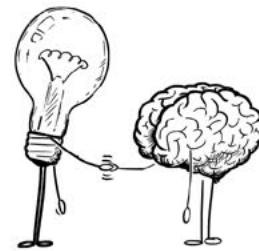
3 Jessica owns her own business. She sells technology like radios, computers, and televisions. Jessica works hard, but she never speaks with her employees and makes decisions by herself without communicating with others. Is Jessica a leader?

Yes  No

4 Emmanuel is a medical doctor at a clinic in Buchanan. His boss loves the way he works, and he feels very happy to have his job. He encourages his friends to keep everyone safe and healthy, and always does his best. Is Emmanuel a leader?

Yes  No

### Activity 5: Brain Boosters



**Question 1** Is Aunty Leymah Gbowee a leader?

Yes  No

**Question 2** Can a footballer be a leader?

Yes  No

**Question 3** In the Acts of Leadership activity, we learned about a medical doctor named Emmanuel. Was he a leader?

Yes  No

### Tell Us What **You Think**

Now that you've heard examples of Liberian leaders tell us about a leader in your community that you are inspired by.

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