

The five leadership traits of a good leader are honesty, forward-looking, competent, inspiring and intelligent. People want to follow an honest leader. As a leader showing people that you are honest means that you can admit to making a mistake. Leadership is figuring out where to go from where you are now, by planning, strategizing and thinking about the future and sharing that vision with others. Being a leader you need to communicate your goals and vision for the future, but without making promises that they will not be able to keep. A leader also needs to demonstrate that they have the knowledge, skills, and are capable of acknowledging others achievements. Inspiration is a trait that can be learned. A leader has to be motivated and enthusiastic about the duties that he or she is going to do in order to inspire others. As a leader you have to be able to communicate clearly and with passion and tell people of ways you can help the company or organization grow. Inspiration can show ways to view the world as a bigger picture beyond a narrow focus, looking for ways to express your vision. A very important leadership trait is intelligence. Intelligence starts as a lifestyle of choice. For example getting an education is a beginning foundation for lifelong educational experiences. As a leader people will observe your behavior and attitude and determine if you are intelligence. A very good way to show your intelligence is on focusing on helping others learn what you may already know. Being intelligent also means learning from others and being observative to analyze different situations. I think a good leader also needs to be a good listener and listen to their teammates or employees opinions. A good leader also needs to be well informed about any situations that are going on around him or her. A leader make followers want to achieve higher goals, rather than just bossing them around and think that is one of the most important traits in a leader.

In my opinion leaders are made. Being a leader is taking the extra efforts on working on these five traits to mastering leadership. Some people have the capability to influence others and to take charge of situations in a positive way. Some have the strength and courage to stand up and lead a group of people. Demonstrating the opposite of these five traits can decrease your influence of those around you. To be a leader you have to have the desire to lead because being a good leader takes hard work. If you're not prepared to work hard at developing your leadership skills or if, deep down, you're really not sure whether you want to lead or not, you'll struggle to become an effective leader. For leaders to inspire employees or team members into higher levels of achievements there are certain things you have to know and do. To be a good leader you also have to have a vision of a certain goal or dream you want to achieve and share that vision with others. Good leaders are constantly working to improve their leadership skills; they are not resting on their success.