

Leaders are made all around the world. A leader is someone who has learned from life and now has a vision that he or she is committed to and has a desire to be focused on that vision. From my personal perspective I believe that a leader constructs himself or herself. A leader should and must have solid leadership traits to be a good leader. He or she must be focused on what they want to do. They should be committed to their vision. They should also be strongly determined about their vision. If a leader is missing any of these traits then he or she is in reality not a good leader. This is for obvious reasons; hence if you are not focused then you are not determined about any sort of commitment. Everyone has a vision and therefore anyone can be made into a leader. But in order to be a good leader you must have a vision, dedication, and more importantly a desire to lead.

A leader should treat her or his people well. Like Dr. Rodriguez has mentioned in class a leader must NEVER make someone do anything that she or he would not do. A superior leader is constantly working to improve their leadership skills. There is no way that a person in charge can rest on their success. This leader is at all times the first to lead; hesitating is not an option when bringing a good idea to the table. If you hesitate your opportunity will be lost and there might not be another chance to take your vision into a reality.

A great example of a good leader is Bill Gates. He had, and still has, a vision of his own. He is trusted, committed, focused, and determined to his vision. By building Microsoft he has empowered the world. By making his vision better he is forward-looking; by carrying on with his vision he is competent. Bill Gates is intelligent and inspiring. Bill Gates built himself into a great leader. He saw the window of opportunity open and took advantage of it by not hesitating to bring his vision to the world.

Having this in mind, I think that a leader is made. No one is born with the anticipation of being a leader. In support of this idea, for example, every person learns how to treat others— with respect and ethically. No one is born with these leadership traits, they must be learned. It is as simple as that. One of the most important leadership trait Dr. Rodriguez has taught me is that people must empower one another. If you cannot empower someone then you cannot move ahead. A person who is always negative and never wants to help anyone will not be trusted and trust is something that every person must have to move forward. Honesty is another major aspect of being a good leader. Without honesty, you will lose trust, and without trust you will lose the empowerment that others hand to you. Without these traits, your vision and your leadership, will not measure up to strong and positive action that influences others. Leaders are developed, not born.