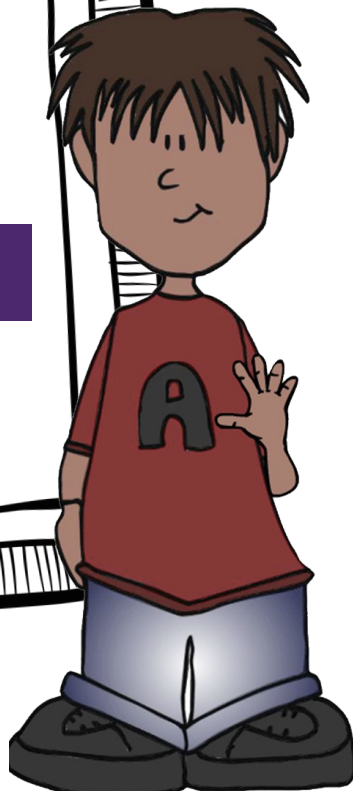




Exploring...

Stories of

Inspirational leaders



Many leaders of the past and the present have persevered in difficult times and have done incredible things to bring practical help and hope to others in need.

Exploring their stories and leadership skills can help us to be good leaders when things are difficult.

Read about some of these inspirational leaders and think about how they can encourage us.

Find out even more about them by researching online using our suggested websites.

Then make your own 'Leader Fact File' about a leader you know.





Leader Fact File

Mother Teresa

“Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put into the action.”

Name: Mother Teresa

Born: 1910, Republic of Macedonia

Her story:

At the age of 18, Mother Teresa, decided to leave her family and become a nun. She travelled to Ireland, then India, where she began working as a teacher with some of the poorest families. In 1946 she felt that Jesus spoke to her and told her to leave teaching to work with the sickest and poorest people in the slums of the city of Calcutta. Between the 1950s and 1960s Mother Teresa set up an open-air school, home for the dying, orphanage, several mobile health clinics and a nursing home. By the 1970s her work was known internationally and had begun to expand beyond India.

Mother Teresa received the Jewel of India award, the highest honour that an Indian civilian can receive. She also received the Gold Medal of the Soviet Peace Committee and in 1979 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her work “in bringing help to suffering humanity.” When she passed away in 1997, her **Missionaries** of Charity had over 4,000 members with thousands as volunteers and over 610 foundations that covered 123 countries.

Key words:

Missionaries = people sent by the church to an area to serve others, often the poor and share God's love.

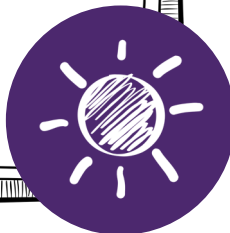
What leadership skills did Mother Teresa show?

How could you share your knowledge of Mother Teresa with others?

What does Mother Teresa's quote mean to you today?

How could Mother Teresa's story inspire you to bring hope to others?

What would Mother Teresa say to people today?





Leader Fact File

Nelson Mandela

"You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself...Great peacemakers are people of integrity, of honesty, of humility."

Name: Nelson Mandela

Born: 1918, South Africa

His story:

Nelson Mandela spent most of his life seeking equal rights for black people. In 1942 Mandela joined the African National Congress which aimed to fight for change and equal rights. In 1948 the Nationalist Party of South Africa introduced a new policy of **apartheid** or separateness. This meant that white and black people had to live, learn and spend their leisure time separately. To challenge this new policy the African National Congress started a campaign of civil disobedience. This meant disobeying the government by means of strikes and other peaceful means of protest. In 1963 Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment for political offences. He served 27 years as a prisoner before his release in 1990. Following this he worked to bring an end to apartheid which won him a Nobel Peace Prize in 1993. In 1994 Mandela became the first black president of South Africa allowing him to continue his good work to bring peace and equality to the country.

Key words:

Apartheid = a system that separated people according to race.

What leadership skills did Nelson Mandela show?

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What would Nelson Mandela say to people today?





Leader Fact File

ROSA PARKS

"Since I have always been a strong believer in God, I knew that He was with me, and only He could get me through that next step".

Name: Rosa Parks

Born: 1913, USA

Her story:

In 1955 Rosa Parks disobeyed a racist law in Alabama. She refused to give up her seat for a white person on a bus and this resulted in her arrest. At the time there were many racial segregation laws which meant that white and black people were separated, often resulting in black people not being treated fairly. Rosa Parks' act of disobedience became an important symbol in the **civil rights** movement, and working alongside prominent campaigners such as Martin Luther King, Rosa helped to see the Civil Rights Act passed in 1964.

Key words:

Civil Rights = rights which ensure that a citizen may fully participate in their society without discrimination.

Racial Segregation = the separation of people into racial groups. This could apply to many daily activities such as eating in a restaurant, using a public toilet or renting a movie.

What leadership skills did Rosa Parks show?

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Leader Fact File

BEAR GRYLLS

"The power of great leadership is beyond measure, and the heart of all great leadership is found in leading by example. Example in terms of your ethics, your faith, your care, your courage."

Name: Edward Michael Grylls (Bear)

Born: 1974, Northern Ireland

His story:

Bear is a famous adventurer; the star of numerous TV programmes and a huge celebrity all over the world. Famously, Bear is also a Christian, a subject which often comes up in interviews. In May 2009, The Scout Association announced Bear would be appointed Chief Scout. In October 2013 Bear published an article on the scouting website entitled 'keeping the faith in scouting' where he said "What makes Scouting so powerful? For me it's about three things: a firm set of values, our **diversity** and our ability to bring about positive change in our communities. Our groups are amazing places where Christians, Sikhs, Hindus, Jews, in fact children of every faith and background, come together." He has also been quoted to say "At the core of it, my role as Chief Scout is to encourage, and I do that by sharing as many skills as I can, and spending time just hanging out with young scouts, encouraging their many hopes and **aspirations**. It is a voluntary role that involves giving time, love and energy."

Key words:

Diversity = accepting and respecting people of all religious beliefs, ages, genders and race.

Aspiration = a hope or ambition of achieving something.

What leadership skills does Bear show?

How could you share your knowledge of Bear Grylls with others?

What does Bear's quote mean to you today?

How could Bear's story inspire you to bring hope to others?

Why is Bear's message important for people today?





Leader Fact File

MALALA YOUSAFZAI

“We believe in the power and the strength of our words. Our words can change the whole world because we are all together, united for the cause of education.”

Name: Malala Yousafzai

Born: 1997, Pakistan

Her story:

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani education **advocate** who, at 17, became the youngest person to win the **Nobel Peace Prize** after surviving an assassination attempt by the **Taliban**. Malala became an advocate for girls' education when she herself was still a child, which resulted in the Taliban issuing a death threat against her. On October 9, 2012, a gunman shot Malala when she was traveling home from school. She survived and has continued to speak out on the importance of education. In 2013, she gave a speech to the United Nations and published her first book, *I Am Malala*. In 2014, she won the Nobel Peace Prize. With her father she established 'The Malala Fund', a charity dedicated to working for a world where every girl can learn and lead.

Key words:

Advocate: a person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause.

Nobel Peace Prize: International prize awarded for the promotion of world peace.

Taliban: a violent and extreme political group who enforce very strict codes of behaviour.

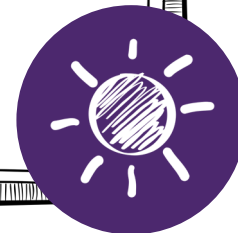
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Leader Fact File

J K ROWLING

"You have a moral responsibility when you've been given far more than you need, to do wise things with it and give intelligently."

Name: Joanne Rowling

Born: 1965, England

Her story:

After studying at Exeter University J K Rowling moved to London and worked in a series of jobs, including one as a researcher at **Amnesty International**. Later, living in Edinburgh with her daughter, Rowling began writing the first Harry Potter book which was published in 1997. Six further books followed in the Harry Potter series, each achieving record-breaking success, selling more than 450 million copies worldwide and inspiring the Harry Potter film series. Rowling achieved billionaire status in 2011 but is no longer a billionaire because she has donated so much of her fortune to charity. She founded the Volant Charitable Trust which supports projects working to alleviate **social deprivation**. Her charity Lumos works to free children from orphanages. She has also supported many other causes including Comic Relief, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Medecins Sans Frontieres and Gingerbread, a charity supporting single parents.

Key words:

Amnesty International: a global movement campaigning for human rights for all people.

Social deprivation: when people are deprived of usual interaction with the rest of society, often linked to poverty.

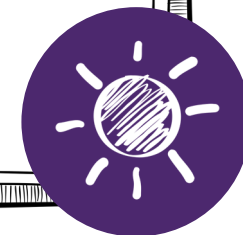
What leadership skills does JK Rowling show?

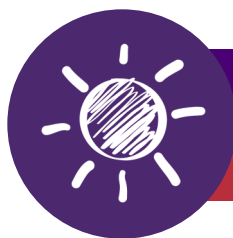
How could you share your knowledge of JK Rowling with others?

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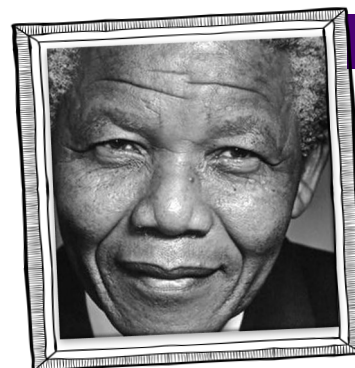


Further links about each inspirational leader



Mother Teresa

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ROSA PARKS

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BEAR GRYLLS

- https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/bg_bio/BG_biography.pdf
- <https://www.beargrylls.com/pages/about-bear-grylls>



MALALA YOUSAFZAI

- https://www.ducksters.com/biography/women_leaders/malalayousafzai.php
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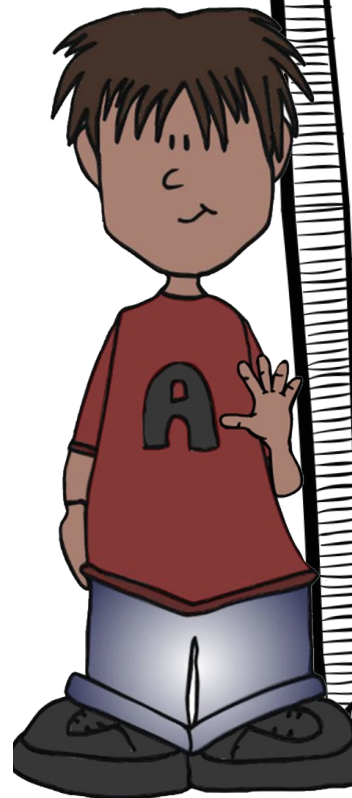
Not all leaders are famous or well known!

There are many people who are being amazing leaders right now.

Why not make fact files of the great leaders you see around you.

This could be family members, people who are working in your community to help others, teachers, NHS staff or leaders in the UK government.

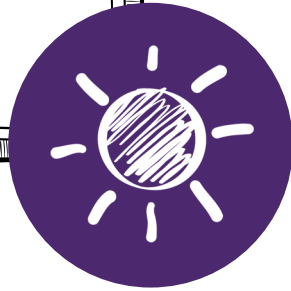
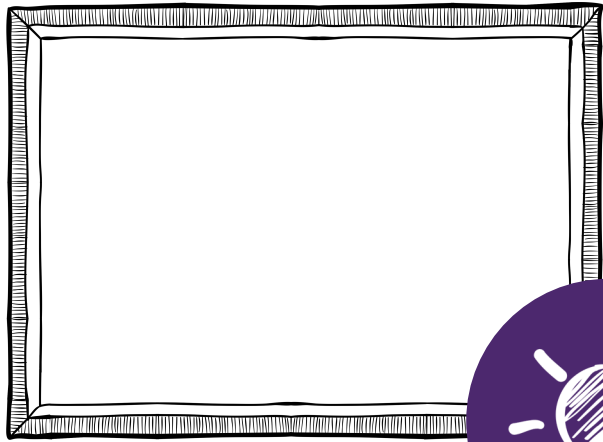
- Stick in a photo or draw a picture of the leader
- **Write their name and their role**
- Describe why they are a great leader. Include details of actions they have taken to make a difference to others!
- **Think about what leadership skills you could learn from them.**



Make your own

Leader

Fact File



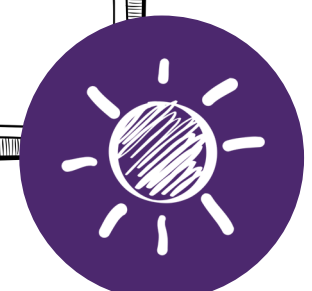
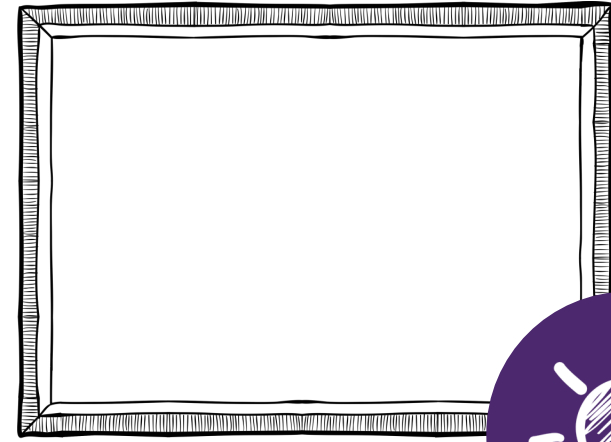
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