HOMEWORK PROJECT: LEADERSHIP

Who do we look up to?

The leaders in our world and their qualities have changed over the years. Leaders today may have a different set of values and traits than the leaders in our grandparents' day. In this exercise, you will be interviewing yourself and a grandparent (or if one is not available, interview a friend's grandparent or your own parent.) Ask the following questions:

1. Who were at least two leaders from your generation that you looked up to when you were a child? Include one person that you knew personally and one person who was famous.

2. What were the qualities that caused you to see them as leaders?

3. How did these leaders shape your attitudes and lifestyle at the time?

After you have your answers and the answers of a grandparent. Compare and contrast the qualities of leaders “then” versus “now.” Use the following questions to explain your conclusions.

1. How have the qualities of a good leader changed, if at all, since your interviewee was a child? Which generation had better ideals for leadership?

2. How might the world be different today if the values of your grandparents' leaders were the same values of today's leaders?

3. Do you think today's society would follow the leaders from your grandparent's generation? Why or why not?

4. What moral standards, if any, should all public leaders have to follow?

5. Write at least five “requirements for leadership” for any leader that you would want to follow (both famous and in your own peer group).

6. What role do you think moral values and ethics should play in a leadership?

7. Who are the people you look up to in your own peer group? How are their values different than what you hope to have when you are an adult?

8. What impact do leaders ultimately have on us individually and as a society?