



**What Does It Take to Be A Leader?
Read Aloud Lesson based on the book**

So You Want to Be President? by Judith St. George

Leadership is going to become increasingly more important in our highly complicated world. There is always so much happening. *So You Want to Be President?* is a book about the pros and cons of becoming the President of the United States. Read or *listen to (Check YouTube to see if there is a read aloud) the book, and then think about how you might become a leader who influences what happens in our great country.

1. Take what you already know about the role of the President and what you just learned from the book, and make a list of the characteristics that a leader should have. Then think about what characteristics you already have that are those of a leader.
2. There are three qualifications an individual must have in order to be able to run for President of the United States. They include the following:
 - The individual must be at least 35 years old;
 - The individual must be a natural-born citizen of the United States;
 - The individual must be a resident of the US for at least 14 years.

Thinking about these three qualifications, would you change any of them? If so, why? If not, why not?

3. Presidents can only serve two consecutive terms. That means, a President can, if elected twice, be President for 8 years. Some people have suggested that our President should serve only one term of 6 years. Do you think that would be a good idea and why or why not?

4. Think about your school. Imagine that your school, in an effort to support students who want to become great leaders, has started a Student Council, a place where students share their ideas and opinions. Now imagine that there are two candidates who want to be President of your Student Council. One of the students has been in your school since kindergarten and is well-known by many of the other students. The other student is brand new to the school but has had leadership experience in the school he/she first attended. He/she has told students that he/she has fresh new ideas for making your school a better place. Which student do you would vote for President of your Student Council and why?

