

Maggie's Civics Corner

Lesson #25 - Identifying Leaders



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Maggie Says... Think back to your last day at school. Who unlocked the doors to the school that morning? Who locked the doors that night when your school closed? A school needs leaders to operate – principals, teachers, and administrators. There are a lot of adults in your school who sacrifice and use their words and actions for good. I love hearing my people talk about wonderful

teachers and principals in my home! I know those same teachers and principals are working hard to try and help their students even though they may not be around them.

Today's lesson is about IDENTIFYING LEADERS – AT YOUR SCHOOL. This is a great way to reflect on the adults who have made a difference in your life at school. These adults are still working hard and thinking of you every day. Make them proud today by working hard on this lesson.

Sticky Situation: Your favorite teacher tells you that they will be absent from school tomorrow because they have jury duty. **Jury duty** is a responsibility every U.S. citizen must fulfill when they are called. Your teacher tells you that a substitute teacher that has “similar leadership traits” will be filling in during their absence. (“Traits” are characteristics or behaviors).

Activity: What are your favorite teacher’s best leadership traits? Write them below.

Next, write a letter to your favorite teacher, and let them know that you appreciate their leadership style. Make sure to write down the specific things that you appreciate about their leadership.

Dear _____,

Civics Resources: Watch this [video of middle school students thanking their teacher](#) to gain ideas for ways for you to express gratitude to your favorite teacher.