

## SYNTHESIS ESSAY OVERVIEW

For this assignment you will respond to the following prompt in third person:

### **What makes an effective leader?**

Do the qualities differ by position? Consider the many leadership roles in the world (e.g. principal, CEO, coach of a sports team, military leader, political leader.)

### **Choose a leadership position in society.**

Articulate at least three essential qualities that leader should possess and explain why these traits or qualities are essential to being an effective leader.

Your multi-paragraph response should take a clear position and make an effective case for your thesis.

In a well-developed, multi-paragraph essay (roughly 2-3 pages in length), cite strong and thorough textual evidence from *The Odyssey* and at least TWO (2) other sources from the list below. You must use valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence from the required sources.

Remember, when you use details from the sources, they are NOT your original thoughts or ideas, so you MUST cite your sources (parenthetical citation). A citation of a text can be a direct quote, a paraphrase of a passage or a reference/summarization.

**\*\* No paper will earn credit without in-text citations AND a works cited page.\*\***

**You must use this source:**     *The Odyssey* by Homer

**You should choose from 2 or more of the sources below:**

- “First Inaugural Address” by Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933
- “Inaugural Address” by John F. Kennedy, 1961
- “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” by Martin Luther King
- “The Leadership Journey: Plan the Trip”
- “Leadership According to Obama and Romney: The Presidential Candidates Go Head to Head on the Essential Traits of a Leader”
- “China’s New Leadership Faces Obstacles to Rule”
- “Robert Griffin III Demonstrates Leadership Qualities Rare for a Rookie of Any Sports”
- The Lost Leader - a poem by Robert Browning
- Ozymandias - a poem by Percy Shelley
- Ulysses - a poem by Robert Browning

## And HOW do your ORGANIZE this paper!?!?

Suggested Format :

- a. Your INTRODUCTION should clearly state the thesis (DO NOT USE FIRST PERSON!!!)
- b. Your multi-paragraph BODY must present compelling evidence from all three sources you have selected to use in defense of your position.

Make sure you CITE your sources (MLA format—a works cited page IS required for this assignment). You MUST cite your sources within the paper whether your quote directly or paraphrase.

You SHOULD expand on (substantiate) the ideas presented in your textual evidence.

Make sure any personal inference or opinion is expressed in THIRD PERSON.

You SHOULD include a discussion of multiple sources in **each** BODY paragraph.

- c. Your CONCLUSION should restate and reinforce your position.

Your final draft will be submitted through [turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com)