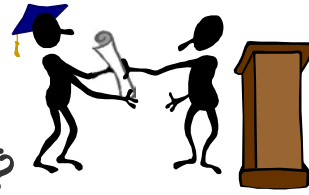


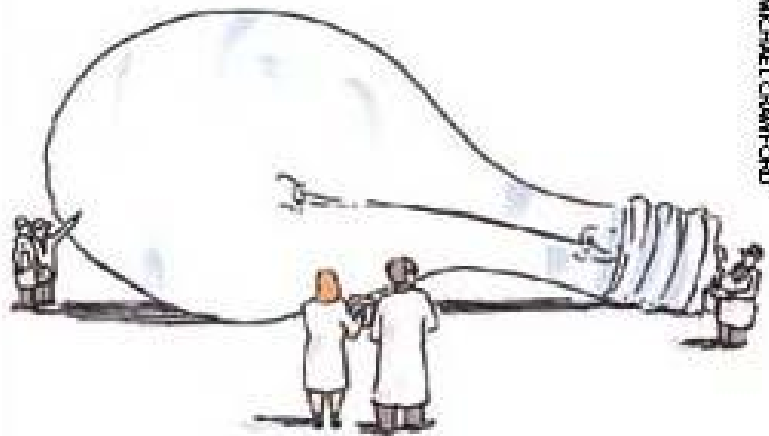
Leaders: Born or Developed?



Strictly speaking, no one is born a leader, just as no one is born a talented artist. But you can be born with the underlying traits that make you a potential artist given the right stimulus and environment. Similarly, exploratory, rebellious characters could become criminals rather than leaders depending on circumstances, so it is the potential you are born with, not full scale leadership. Mozart was not born a musician after all - just with the creative potential to become one.

Successful leaders know how to define their mission, convey it to their subordinates and ensure they have the right tools and training needed to get the job done, according to Colin Powell, former U.S. secretary of state.

Effective leaders are made, not born, Powell said. They learn from trial and error, and from experience. When something fails, a true leader learns from the experience and puts it behind him. "You don't get reruns in life," he said. "Don't worry about what happened in the past."



"We can't teach people how to come up with ideas,
but we can teach them how to analyze ideas already
available to them."

Leadership doesn't just show up one day. You cannot take a pill that will instantly make you a leader. Attaining the qualities of a True Leader requires a journey. If your effort is high, and your goals and vision are clear and strong, you succeed much faster.