A responsible leader

I believe a leader will be remembered for his leadership and responsibility, for what he does, not what he says.

When I was in Grade 9, I was very interested in being a leader. It was close to Easter Day, and our class was asked to make a performance on the stage. I thought anyone could be a leader if they wanted to, so I raised my hand with no ideas in my head. Mr. Manno was glad to see my enthusiasm, so he allowed me to lead the group for the Easter Show. Soon thereafter, I realized that I had no ability to figure out what we can do on the stage. As a leader of group, I wasn’t responsible. I forgot my job and my responsibility, but focus on playing basketball, instead. Angela, one of my classmates, took charge while I did nothing. I felt very embarrassed. On Easter Day, our group did a perfect show. Angela solved all the problems and became the true leader and praised by my classmates while I was forgotten. I felt very upset and disappointed. I disliked Angela because she was so strong where I was weak. The fact was that she was the better leader.

This year, we did an important project in Academic Success Class. I was in the same group with Angela. She didn’t say anything about being the leader. She only let the other members in our group give her the information we found. The next Monday, we were surprised that she had. She made a huge beautiful colorful poster. She said she spent entire night drawing the poster. Our group got the highest score in the class. However, I didn’t feel happy with the high score. Angela did everything this group and we didn’t, but we got the same score. I felt the same shame as I felt last time. She didn’t say she was leader, but I still remember what she did because she was true leader, a responsible leader.

John D. Rockefeller, one of the most powerful businessmen, once said, “*I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.*” The leader, a person who has the most power, is the most important person in one group. Therefore, the leader should take the heaviest duty. If the leader only talks to others how to do the projects, but doesn’t do them himself, he will be replaced and forgotten. For me, I didn’t take charge of group, so I lost my precious honorable job. In the future, I will try harder to bear the most difficult job for group if I am the leader. I am sure eventually I will be remembered and respected.

I will be a leader which not only has enthusiasm and confidence, but also has leadership and responsibility. I believe everyone will remember a responsible leader for what he does.