

## **LEADING BY EXAMPLE**

One day, Alexander set out in pursuit of his enemy, Darius, the king of Persia. During his pursuit of Darius, Alexander and his men traveled more than four hundred miles in eleven days. His men were parched and collapsing for lack of water. Some Macedonia soldiers who were passing saw Alexander faint with thirst and offered him a helmet filled with cool water. However, seeing his thirsty men, Alexander refrained from drinking and handed the helmet back to them saying, "If I should drink this water while my men have none, they will lose heart." His soldiers, seeing Alexander's self-control, shouted to Alexander to lead them onward. Forgetting their tiredness and thirstiness, they jumped on their horses and lashed them on, thinking they would do anything for such a leader.

## ASSIGNMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

**Instructions (read carefully):** Attach this sheet with your homework, having checked off each point as you are certain you have completed the task described.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Finish making a key word outline (only three key words for each of the seven sentences in this passage) for the “Leading by Example” passage.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Using your key word outline, rewrite the story in a condensed form, using 35 or fewer words.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. While you do not need to have the same number of sentences, be sure to include the major parts of the story. Notice how the words you choose (which need not be the words in the original story) may make your story clearer even while it’s shorter.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Be sure to read your writing aloud to check for style: does it sound grammatical? Do you like the way it sounds?

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Remember to have your final copy be very neat, with the title at the top center and your name and the date on the top right.

**NOTE:** Always keep your key word outlines and rough drafts in your notebook. You may need them in future.