Blog Journaling Assignment

ALF LEADERSHIP

Throughout the year we will spend time reflecting on what we are doing as individuals, a class, a school and a community in terms of leadership activities, as well as looking at current events. These journals will be done in the manner of an online blog, in both student posts, and student responses (comments) to posts. Students are required to do one post, and two comments per term.

General ALF Leadership Blog Etiquette:

Our website is a safe place, where all opinions are valid, and our diverse beliefs are welcome.

Follow these basic guidelines when posting or commenting:

* always be respectful
* never attack someone personally
  + it is perfectly fine to disagree with someone’s opinion, but it is absolutely unacceptable to make a mature discussion personal
* bring something to the table
  + Don’t just say nice job; say what you liked, what you agree with, what you disagree with, what you wonder, what other information you know about the topic, an experience you had
* other than a first name, no other personal information is required
  + If you want to tell us a story, we don’t need to know real names, locations, etc.
* this blog is part of our school, all other school rules not listed here are obviously still enforced

Posts:

Posts should be entirely student driven. They are extremely wide open for the students to post about what is important to them or something that has struck a chord with them. If at all unsure about a post, students should run it by Mr. Waters. For the sake of your classmates and your teacher, who have to read your posts, please use some variety and post on different topics.

Some examples: (list is *not* extensive)

* reflection on last leadership project
  + What went well? What was our impact? What would your advice be for the next class that does this activity?
* current events
  + What issue is getting too much attention? Not enough? What has struck a chord with you personally? Why? What should be done? How could you spread awareness about this issue?
* class discussion
  + Did something in class get you thinking? What? Why?
* quote response
  + Find a leadership quote online and explain why you *love* it, or why you *hate* it. What does leadership mean to you?
* movie/book review
  + See/read something that dealt with an issue? What was great about it? What was bad about it? What emotional response did it solicit?
* prompt response
  + Leaders are born, not made.
  + Men are leaders.
  + The best leaders are the most famous.
  + Leadership is all about personal reward.
  + People are either leaders, or followers.
  + Youths cannot be leaders.
* Another idea? See Mr. Waters!

Comments:

Comments are to be a response to a classmate’s post that you resonated with you. Comments should facilitate further instruction, not simply be a “Great job, Mr. Waters! Awesome post! ☺” We do not all have to agree, but we need to always be respectful of other people’s opinions. Comments at a minimum, should be 2 stars and a wish. Over the year, you will comment on at least 8 people’s blogs. Rather, you cannot comment on one person’s blog 8 times (that would count as one).

Marking:

Posts will be marked out of 8 for thoughtfulness and thoroughness.

* Posts should be (roughly) 1-2 paragraphs in length, but please finish your thought!

Comments will be marked out of 4 for thoughtfulness and thoroughness. PROPER BLOG ETIQUETTE MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES!

* Comments should be only a couple sentences (4+).
* Again, you need to finish your thought. If you want to write multiple paragraphs… that’s awesome!!!