

My first experience as a leader

My teacher asked who would lead the music team in the great explosion. As a result of a lost bet, my best friend yelled out my name and that was it. I had more responsibility than I ever had in my life. It started as a disaster because all I wanted was to be liked by the team. So, my choices would often contradict each other and end up causing more chaos than intended.

It was until I promised one student that she would get the front sit on the bus at the same time I promised it to someone else. This sparked a physical fight in the bus which affected our performance. I realized that something I loved more than people's approval was music. So, I vowed not to let cowardness cost us the trophy. I finally began making decisions aimed at our victory. I had to accept that people would be angry at me sometimes, which was hard. However, when I held that trophy in my hands. It was all worth it. I loved winning and I realized that leading was not as hard if I put the goals first.

And so, for the past three years, I have led my choir, debate team, and science club to some wins and losses. Leadership has become second nature to me.