In the Black world the ideal leaders have always been those who embody their people’s values, hopes and dreams in the struggle for freedom.

The Africana world has produced a great variety of leaders whose philosophies, ideologies and strategies afford us an opportunity to reflect on what constitutes ideal Africana leadership. Although we shall focus on 20th Century Africana leaders in the United States, Africa, and the Caribbean, we shall study the issue in its historical contexts with special reference to the major leaders in the anti-slavery and anti-colonial movements. Among those that we shall concentrate upon during our class discussions and special projects are Njinga, Warrior Queen of Matamba - Angola, Toussaint L’Ouverture of Haiti, Nat Turner, Honorable Harriet Tubman, Honorable Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. Du Bois, Marcus Garvey, Patrice Lumumba of Congo and Nelson Mandela. We shall also undertake special research projects that will enable us to identify the ideal qualities in a leader.

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