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Leadership may be defined very simply as the action of leading a group of people or an organization. The act, however, is less simple. Influencing others to work together to complete an objective involves many different skills, and in order to become an effective leader it is important to know as much about yourself as about the members of your team. Whether a leader is born or made is a constant source of debate, but what is always acknowledged is that education, training, and experience are needed to make the best of any individual's abilities. Historical examples may be used to provide illustrations of both successful and unsuccessful leadership, and many lessons can be learnt from situations as diverse as the success or otherwise of commercial companies, the execution of military campaigns, and the dedication inspired by the leaders of polar expeditions and political campaigns.

This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on leadership. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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