

Hunter, James C. "Chapter 4 on Leadership and Love." *The World's Most Powerful Leadership*

*Principle: How to Become a Servant Leader*. New York, New York: Crown Business,  
2004. 83-111. Print.

In the book, *The World's Most Powerful Leadership Principle: How to Become a Servant Leader*, written by James Hunter, there was a chapter on the connection between leadership and love. In this chapter, Hunter describes love as will power rather than the more popular definition of love, which is romance or passion. He then defines love, for the purpose of the books, as “The act(s) of extending yourself for others by identifying and meeting their legitimate needs and seeking their greatest good” (Hunter). He explains how love and leadership are connected to each other. In order for a leader to work correctly, he must have patience, kindness, humility, respect, selflessness, forgiveness, honesty, and commitment. This book is a credible source. Hunter had some good points on how emotions that come with love lead their way to the good leadership skills. He used little anecdotes and stories that happened to him in real life to make the content easy to follow, which actually made the read quite enjoyable. Although it had little fun anecdotes and was easy to read, this source would have made it to relate to Rick from *The Walking Dead* because this book is mostly on the aspect of business, but the points that Hunter makes of the connection between love and leadership actually tie in very well with Rick and what makes a good leader. The qualities of love and leadership can be related to Rick being a leader in *The Walking Dead* because of his love for his group and their survival. Rick is looking out for the greater good of his new team to make sure that they are safe and even tries to teach them new skills. For example, he teaches the women and even Carl about how to shoot the guns. With Hunter describing humility as a good quality, Rick shows great humility by helping out Tyreese and his people, and even in the beginning with Morgan and his son. Hence, he proves himself to be a good leader who cares about people. This resource is useful for research paper to show Rick’s love toward his group and his excellent leadership quality. This resource has lots of examples to prove and relate with real life about leadership quality.

Hurd, Mark V. "Five Leadership Qualities." *Leadership Excellence* 31.2 (2014): 9. *Business*

*Source Elite*. Web. 4 March. 2015.

The article written by Mark Hurd is about what qualities a leader has. He focuses on five qualities, getting the strategy right, executing the strategy, putting the right people in place,

managing dual priorities that others see as conflicting business is not an “either/or” world, and lastly keeping everyone focused on the big things that matter most. Even though the article is written for business leaders, it still has several good qualities any leader needs to have. It discusses how a leader needs to be able to adapt to accelerate changes by having suitable strategies for product development, customer engagement, and employee engagement. He also talks about leaders today having to master being able to create and elaborate the strategy. Leaders also need to realize the short term and long terms goals and be able to make create the right teams to accomplish both. Lastly, he talks about how a leader is able to create a strategy and choose the right teams to achieve the strategy, making sure any distractions are quickly resolved to stay focused on the overall strategy goal. The article is a reliable source and written for a professional audience. It is written to enlighten prospective leaders as to what it takes to be a great leader. The article may be focused on the business side versus leading a group in apocalyptic setting, but they can be carried over. This is believable that this article will be a great asset to showcase Rick as a great leader. In the book, *The Walking Dead*, volume One and Two, Rick has used these qualities to get the group to work together, and he changed strategies as needed. The quality of having to strategize made a good leader. In the book, *The Walking Dead*, the overall theme is Rick being the leader and how he leads the group. This source will help the research paper about why Rick is a great leader. He has to create the strategy out of nothing he has seen before, and then he has to make sure the group understands to ensure it is completed. This resource gives perfect examples to relate to Rick’s leadership and that will help to write research paper.

Lee, Gus, and Elliott- Lee, Diane. *Courage the backbone of leadership*. San Francisco:

Jossey-Bass, 2006. Print.

In the novel, “*Courage the backbone of Leadership*,” Gus Lee explained the basic components of being a leader. He used many large company’s successors like Kaiser Permanente, Whirlpool, Worldcom, etc. to help support his idea. Rightness, integrity, moral, courage, failures, and direction are the main qualities of a successful leader. This book is really helpful and very true about everything because the author mentioned that from where he found all that information. It must have taken years for him to find much accurate information about his issues. Lot of the information provided in the book is in-depth, and the author must have collected it from many people. If a person read through this book thoroughly, he will definitely find his right path in the life. The book helps to understand what to do to be a successful leader. In the chapter three, “*Going deeper (and higher) into values and ethics*” (Lee), he talked about courage, which is a really great value that a leader should have. Courage is something that comes from the heart and it takes all your guts to make a right decision. The opposite of courage is not fear, it is indifference; it comes from care, love, and allowing to become mentally and morally persevere to withstand any danger, fear, and obstacle. The points discussed in the book can be applied in the real life and anyone can become a good leader if he understands and follows the ideas mentioned in the book. In *The Walking Dead* by Kirkman Robert, the character, Rick Grimes, is the leader of the group to survive the zombie apocalypse. He has many values that a great leader would have, especially courage. He has a courage to stand up to save anyone else and risking his life for it. He was afraid, but he still faces it to keep his group together. He cares for his group

with heart and soul. Even though his wife was dead he still stays strong to keep everyone safe. This source is very useful to show Rick's courageous quality. This source has lots of examples and situations to prove leadership quality as courageous, so this resource will help for research paper.

Lizik, Regina. "The Perfect Modern-Day Mythical Hero." *The Daily Beast*. MONOMYTH, 28

Oct. 2014. Web. 4 March. 2015. <<http://www.thedailybeast.com/>>.

The website, *The Daily Beast*, has lots of articles on different issues. There is one article named "The Perfect Modern-Day Mythical Hero" which is on how the viewers of *The Walking Dead* TV series were affected by Rick's leadership. Regina mentioned, "In just over four seasons, *The Walking Dead's* Rick Grimes has evolved from the reluctant leader of a group of zombie apocalypse survivors to a true champion of the new world" (Lizik, 1). It seemed that it is the perfect elaboration of leadership of Rick in *The Walking Dead* books. To be a leader in this world, one must be fair and willing to protect those he loves by any means necessary. Rick possesses these traits accurately. Rick knows that his role is not only as a leader; he must be a symbol of decisiveness, wisdom, and compassion. Rick does not hesitate to fight for everyone's survival. It is believable that Rick's leadership can improve anyone's real life. He is the best leader because he took all the responsibilities that a good leader should take. Just like Rick, everyone finds themselves dealing with difficult people, competing priorities, daily threats, and the concept of solving for "perfect world" scenarios vs. simply surviving to fight another day. This research website is credible because it gives accurate information about Rick's leadership, so this would be an excellent source for research paper.

Welch, Jack. "How To Be a Good Leader; During his long career, Welch mentored a generation of future CEOs. In an exclusive excerpt, his rules of the game." *Newsweek* 4 Apr. 2005:

45. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*. Web. 4 March. 2015.

This article is written by Jack Welch, which describes how one can become a good leader. It provides insight on the life of Herb Kelleher from Southwest Airlines, Microsoft's innovator Bill Gates, and politicians such as Churchill and Gandhi. It also talks about Lombardi and Belichick from sports domain. They each would provide different qualities, which could represent the best leader formula. Within the article, it touches on several qualities a leader can have, such as leaders always upgrade their team because the teams with the highest quality of people typically come out on top. Leaders not only create their vision, but also they make sure their team sees the same vision and they are ready to live by it. Leaders also produce the positive atmosphere and as a result they get a happy team. A leader, who is not positive or upbeat, will also have the same type of people working for him. A happy place makes people happy, and it is most likely that they will succeed. Leaders also need to build confidence in their people by giving positive feedback when the team comes up with a good idea. Leaders also have to make the difficult decisions. They also need to lead the team by example. Finally, they need to lead the celebration

once the team succeeds in achieving its goals. This article was a credible source under Opposing View Points. It was written to provide insight on what it takes to be a good leader. Every person might have different criteria, but the basis is typically always very similar regarding what core qualities a leader should hold. This article is an excellent source for research regarding leadership principles. Almost all the reasons listed in this article can be found in Rick. This research will help to explain that Rick has good leadership qualities, and he is looking out for people selflessly.

White, Barbara. "Seven Qualities of a Leader." *Business Article* (2011): n. pag. Web. 4 March.

2015. <<http://easybib.com/journal-article-citation/from-pubdatabase>>.

Barbara White's article offers seven of some of the most important qualities a leader should have complete with some examples that help give a more in-depth understanding of the qualities. Taking a reality approach, White states that these qualities will not only help you become a better leader, but it will make you successful in your career path. To start with, a leader needs to have empathy, it is the ability to understand and share the feeling of another. Mrs. White states that this quality is the first step because it "helps manage conflicts and relationship" (Kim), without it there is no possibility of having a unified society. Furthermore, a leader is enthusiastic about their work and also about their role as a leader. As a result, people will respond openly to a person of passion and dedication. Mrs. White emphasizes on leaders being a source of inspirations, and a motivator towards required action or cause. Moreover, a leader needs to be confident. She explained, "In order to lead and set direction a leader needs to appear confident as a person and in the leadership role" (White). What she means is, if a leader is not confident, all decisions that are made will destroy his or her team rather than benefit from it. This is the most important quality a leader should have. A leader also needs to function in an orderly and purposely manner in situations of uncertainty. For example, when people look to a leader during times of uncertainty, those people should find reassurance through their leader. Good leaders are tolerant, like a reaming clam under pressure. For example, if a storm comes his or her way, they remain calm and figure out a way to get their people out of it. A good leader is able to think analytically. Besides viewing the situation as a whole, a leader needs to be able to break it down into sub parts for closer inspection. Last of all, a good leader is committed to excellence. He or she not only has high standards, but they always raise the bar for perfection. Considering this, Rick has all of these qualities which would make him a responsible leader. Also, in the book, *The Walking Dead- Volume one* by Kirkman, each member of the group looks up to Rick being their leader. This source will be useful for research paper to show Rick's leadership and his point of view towards saving his group members in every situation. Barbara gave these most important qualities of a leader with examples that will help in the research paper.