

## Leadership Advice from a TWG?



A **Toga-Wearing Guy** was one of the greatest sources of wisdom still relevant today! It was he who said, "**One leads so that those led can develop their potential as human beings and thus prosper.**"

This TWG was Socrates! Check out this fun portrayal of him.

[Philosophizing with Socrates!](#)

Don't you love how Socrates is such a "cool dude?"

In the classic movie, *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*, the title characters, Bill & Ted, though harmless and good-natured, were what their parents and teachers would call "slackers." They were flunking history, and Ted's father would send him to a military academy in Alaska if he failed another class. If Ted had to go, he would be forced to part from his best friend Bill, and their dream of becoming a most bodacious rock band would come to an end. The boys' fate seemed doomed until Rufus, a mentor from the future, found them and gave them a time-traveling phone booth to help them with their history research for their final oral exam.

During one crazy day of time travel, Bill and Ted captured and befriended famous historical figures; Socrates was the first two. The boys learned from him, inspired by his eagerness to learn. They watched him learn from Billy the Kid! His example made it easier for them to learn from all the "time-knapped" historical characters, and all those characters learned something from each other, including Bill & Ted. By the end of the movie, Bill & Ted were inspired to master their guitars to fulfill their dream.

Follow Socrates' lead. To be a leader, you must be a bit of a "cool dude." Encourage your team to reach beyond mediocrity, expand their thinking, and improve their skills! Be eager to learn from them. You'll all reap the benefits when those new ideas and skills are shared. And don't forget to lead by example.

References:

YouTube clip from the movie, *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*, 1989

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