



***Antz*: A Political Animation**

Leadership Styles

This activity provides you with an opportunity to explore democratic and authoritarian leadership styles. The focus here is on comparing leadership styles within a group as it relates to the political system, economic system and government structure. By the end of the lesson, you will be able to define the differences that exist among these leadership styles, and the strengths and weaknesses that are associated with each style.

Content

The movie is about the life and adventures of a worker ant named Z. The ant colony in which he lives is led by a Queen. However, General Mandible - the Queen's military leader - plans to destroy the Monarchy and replace it with a dictatorship led by himself.

Z, on the other hand, longs for the day when he is free of the colony to do what ever he chooses. When Z learns of Mandible's plan to eliminate the Queen he tries to stop Mandible while teaching others the value of thinking for yourself.

Three types of government are well identified in the film - *constitutional monarchy*, *dictatorship*, and *democracy*. Remember that an ideology is a set of beliefs and values about how society should be organised and what goals it should pursue.



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 <p>General Mandible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - everyone has a predetermined role in society - discipline, commitment, structure, sacrifice and order are important - aggression to assert power - live & die for the colony - work 1st, then personal - individualism = dangerous - strong rise above weak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a strong colony - take over the colony and rule as a dictatorship with him @ the helm by marrying Princess Bala 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - War - kill those who oppose him 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dictatorship - Autocratic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Autocratic government
 <p>Z</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - individuals should be involved in the system - everyone should be an individual - fulfill yourself - everyone is equal - have personal goals - think for yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a colony where everyone chooses what they want, not told what to do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - does what he wants -> opposes authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Democratic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Democratic
 <p>The Queen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - diplomacy to solve problems - everyone has their place - general makes decisions, Queen can veto or offer suggestions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - maintain it the way it is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - diplomacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constitutional Monarchy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constitutional Monarchy