

Leadership Viewed Through History - Shared document Students' reflections

Here are a few reflections my students sent me.

Eitai Moshe 12th grade - A student's reflection

Before this lesson, I thought leadership was mostly about being in charge. Fania showed me that leadership can come from ordinary people who make difficult choices during difficult times. Her courage inspired me because she acted even when she was afraid. I learned that resilience can influence others more than authority.

Libi Rozenfeld, 12 th grade - A student's reflection

I was surprised that Fania was not a political leader but still had such a strong impact on people. The lesson helped me understand that leadership can be expressed through helping others, preserving memories, and standing up for values. The diplomatic report activity helped me connect history to current international issues.

Sira Shwartz, 12th grade - A Student's Reflection

The most meaningful part of the lesson was learning how Fania continued to educate people after the war. I realized that testimony is a form of leadership because it teaches future generations. This lesson made me think about how young people today can influence society through their actions and words.

Tal Shukron, 12th grade - A Student's Reflection

What impressed me most about Fania Brantsovskaya was how extraordinary she was for a young Jewish woman during World War II. Before this lesson, I had never heard of a woman who joined the resistance, lived in the forests, and participated in missions against the Nazis. Her courage, determination, and resilience were remarkable. I was especially inspired by the fact that she

refused to be a passive victim and instead chose to take action. Learning about her made me realize that leadership is not about power or status but about making brave choices in the face of impossible circumstances.

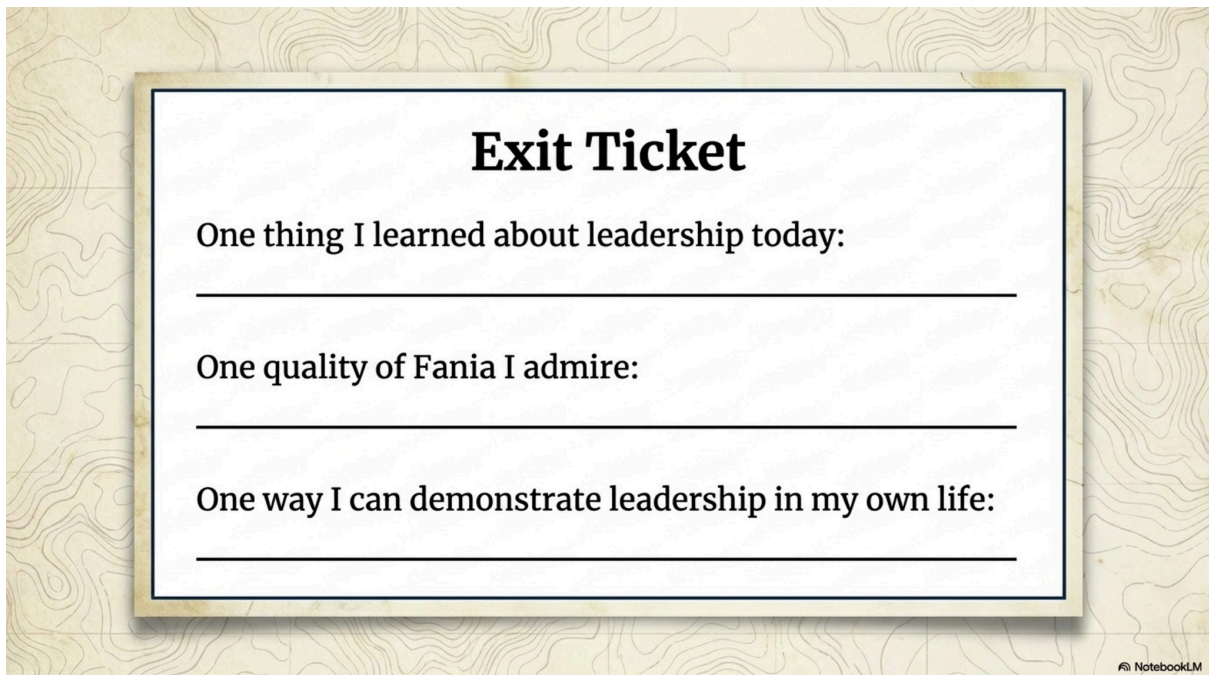
Sima Lev Ari - 12th grade - A Student's Reflection

I found Fania Brantsovskaya's story fascinating because she was unlike any historical figure I had studied before. During a time when most people were simply trying to survive, she demonstrated incredible bravery, solidarity, and perseverance. What excited me most was discovering how a young woman became a partisan fighter and later dedicated her life to preserving memory and educating others. Her story showed me that even in the darkest periods of history, individuals can make a difference. I left the lesson feeling inspired by her strength and her commitment to helping others, both during and after the war.

Another activity was the **"Leadership Exit Ticket."**

Students created a digital Canva slide containing:

- One image
- One quote from Fania
- Three leadership traits
- One lesson for young leaders today



Exit Ticket

One thing I learned about leadership today:

One quality of Fania I admire:

One way I can demonstrate leadership in my own life:

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