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Personal Traits of the President: Analysis

Directions:

1. Read the article below to get a better understanding of the historical background of the presidential personal traits of America's greatest leaders.
2. Read the list of personal traits below, and then answer the discussion question that follows.

Resource:

<https://www.history.com/topics/doris-kearns-goodwin-on-presidential-leadership>

Empathy-*The ability to identify with other points of view can be a breakthrough leadership trait for a president.*

Resilience-*Learning from difficult moments lies at the core of great leaders*

Communication-*A leader's ability to communicate can mean the difference between the status quo and greatness.*

Openness-*presidents grow from listening to people with views different than their own.*

Impulse Control-*Sometimes knowing what not to say is as important as what a president says*

Relaxation-*America's most iconic presidents knew that getting away from the White House could help them become better leaders.*

1. **Discussion Forum:** What are the 3 most important information qualifications for president listed above (the experience and personal qualities that the public looks for in a president) and explain why.
2. **Ask a question:** Ask a question that you have about presidents/ the executive branch (that someone can't answer in one or two words).