

Sofia Valdez, Future Prez Discussion Guide

Discussion questions (choose a few)

- ★ What community problem is Sofia upset about? What steps does she take to solve it?
- ★ Was Sofia able to solve the problem on her own? Who helped her?
- ★ When Sofia visits City Hall, she shows persistence and courage, even though she is afraid. Can you think of a time when you have needed to be persistent or courageous?
- ★ At one point, Sofia is told “You can’t build a new park. You’re only a kid!” Do you think this is fair? What would you say to adults who think children don’t deserve their own voice?
- ★ What are qualities of a good leader? How are you a leader in school or at home?
- ★ If you could choose one thing to change about your school or your community, what would it be and why? How could you go about making that change? How can you work with others to get it done?
- ★ What was your favorite part of the book? What part would you write differently?

Share your experience as a woman leader

- ★ Which branch of government do you serve in?
- ★ Why did you run for office?
- ★ Describe a typical day as an elected leader.
- ★ What is the best part of your job?
- ★ What did you do before you were an elected official? How did that help you to do a good job now that you're elected?

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- ★ Activities and exercises to help young people better understand the workings of their government and the roles that women play in the process;
- ★ Multimedia resources on women and public leadership for all ages; and
- ★ Lesson modules on women and the presidency, women in Congress, and many more.

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**MAKING WOMEN'S PUBLIC LEADERSHIP VISIBLE
TO THE NEXT GENERATION.**

If a girl can't imagine a woman leader, how can she become one? And if a boy sees only men in leadership roles, what will convince him to support aspiring women leaders? **Teach a Girl to Lead® (TAG)** provides tools and resources to educators, leaders of youth-serving groups, media outlets, and parents who want to help young people rethink leadership with women in the picture. **The Teach a Girl to Lead® Reading Project is made possible through the generosity of The Hess Foundation/The Honorable Constance Hess Williams and Comcast NBCUniversal.**



The Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) created TAG to inspire girls and young women to follow in the footsteps of women leaders, past and present. Making women's political leadership visible to America's youth will help both girls and boys grow up with more inclusive ideas about who can lead.

CAWP is recognized as the nation's premier resource on women and politics. As the world has watched Americans considering female candidates for the nation's highest offices, CAWP's 50 years of analyzing and interpreting women's participation in American politics have provided a foundation and context for the discussion.

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