

Educational Leadership Essay

Warren Bennis poses seven essential questions in his work, **On Becoming a Leader**.

- ☐ What do you believe are the qualities of leadership?
- ☐ What experiences were vital to your development?
- ☐ What were the turning points in your life?
- ☐ What role has failure played in your life?
- ☐ How do you learn?
- ☐ Are there people in your life, or in general, whom you particularly admire?
- ☐ What can organizations do to encourage or stifle leaders?

Consider Bennis' questions as you reflect on the highlights of your life and career that led you to your decision to become a school building or district leader. In an essay of about 500 words, describe these highlights and how they influenced your decision. Share your greatest influences, special challenges, greatest accomplishments and compelling forces that set you on the path of **Becoming a Leader**.