

Ministry of Education  
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Social Studies

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**WEEK SEVEN**

**LESSON 1**

**Topic: A Glimpse of Our History**

**Sub-Topic: National Leaders**

**Objectives:** Students will:

- Define the term National leader.
- Identify National leaders who have contributed to our country's development.
- Describe the contributions of any five leaders.

**Concept:** Guyana's National leaders are its citizens who have made significant contributions to our nation. These leaders have significantly contributed to various sectors of the country's development. This lesson focuses on the roles of national leaders in the political arena.

**Content:**

Who are National Leaders?

National Leaders are those individuals who work with the people to develop the nation. Most of our politicians fall into this group.

**The President** has overall responsibility for managing the affairs of the country. He is also Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

The president of Guyana is Dr. Irfaan Ali.

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Dr. Irfaan Ali

President of Guyana

Some of Guyana's previous presidents were:



**The Prime Minister** does the work of the President during his absence and has responsibility for some national projects.

**Government ministers** function as leaders in the community. Each Minister of the Government makes a contribution towards development. Some ministers are responsible for operating specific ministries. The mission statements of the various ministries give a general idea of the work of each minister and his team. Each Minister of the Government makes a contribution towards development

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Apart from our political leaders, and those who operate in the Judicial system, there are other leaders in the country who are respected and well known for their contributions to the social, religious and economic life of the people.

Some leaders are heads of organisations such as The Guyana Consumers' Association, The Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association and The Guyana Red Cross Association.

Some leaders may be outstanding musicians, famous cricketers, athletes and social workers.

### **ACTIVITY**

1. Name five ministers of the Government and list their portfolios.
2. Name four Ministers who work as Ministers within given Ministries.
3. Describe the functions of the Ministers listed in (2)
4. What is the name of the Education Minister?

### **HOME WORK**

Create a booklet entitled 'Our Political Heroes'. Paste pictures and a brief biography of fifteen political leaders. Ensure that the following names are included:

- i. Mr. Authur Chung
- ii. Mr. Lindon Forbes Sampson Burnham
- iii. Mr. Peter Stanislaus D'Aguiar
- iv. Dr. Cheddi Bharrat Jagan
- v. Mr. Desmond Hoyte
- vi. Ms. Janet Jagan.

### **Reference**

5. Ministry of education Teacher's guide grade 8 pages 37 to 41.
6. Ministry of Education Curriculum Guide grade 8 page 4.