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**WEEK SEVEN**

**LESSON 2**

**Topic: A Glimpse of Our History**

**Sub-Topic: National Leaders (CONT'D)**

**Objectives:** With reference to the resources given via video, pictures and notes, 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.

**Content:**

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.

**SOME GUYANESE LEADERS ARE:**

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Mohamed Shahabuddeen LL.M.; Ph.D.

MOHAMED SHAHABUDDEEN was born on 7th October 1931 in Guyana. He took his bar finals in May 1952 and was called to the Bar in February 1954. He also graduated with the degrees of B Sc. (Econ.) (Hons.), LL.M., and Ph.D, from the University of London. In April 1962, he was appointed Solicitor General and from 1966 to 1970 served as a member of the Guyana-Venezuela Mixed Commission with the rank of Ambassador. In July 1973, he was appointed Attorney General and in February 1978, Minister of Justice and a Member of Parliament. In October 1983 he was appointed a Vice-President. Dr. Shahabuddeen is the holder of the Queen's Counsel (QC) award in March 1966. He received The Cacique's Crown of Honour (1977), The Order of Roraima (1980) and later The Order Excellence, Guyana's highest award. Dr. Shahabuddeen was the editor of the Law Reports of Guyana 1959-1966 and have written several books including The Legal System of Guyana (1978); Nationalisation of Guyana's Bauxite (1981); From Plantocracy to Nationalisation: A Profile of Sugar in Guyana (1987). Dr. Shahabuddeen was elected a judge of the International Court of Justice in November 1987.

Randolph Guyana

THE RIGHT REVEREND RANDOLPH OSWALD GEORGE (Randolph Guyana) was born on the 15th July 1924 in Georgetown. He attended the Freeburg and St. Philip's Primary Schools, the Modern High School in Georgetown and Codrington (Theological) College in Barbados. He served as a priest in Barbados (1950-1953); Britain (1953-1961); Trinidad and Tobago (1961-1971); Dean of Georgetown (St. George's Cathedral) (1971); Bishop of Stabroek (1976) and Bishop of Guyana (1980). Bishop George is former Chairman of the Guyana Council of Churches and the Guyana Human Rights Association. He was appointed Chairman designate to Integrity Commission and the Race Relations Commission. He was awarded the Cacique's Crown of Honour in 1993. He still contributes towards the spiritual development of a large number of Guyanese.

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Mr. Paul Chan-A-Sue

MR PAUL CHAN-A-SUE was born on 2nd August 1943 in Georgetown. He started his early education at St. Mary's R.C. School and later attended St. Stanislaus College. In 1962 he was awarded a Cadetship by the Booker Group of Companies, where he worked in the Accounts Department. In England he was attached to a firm of Chartered Accountants in Liverpool. On his return to Guyana he served as Assistant Accountant of Bookers Stores Ltd. He was appointed Chief Accountant in 1969 and Finance Director in 1976. After the nationalisation of Bookers in 1979, he was made Executive Chairman of Trade Group 2, where his major responsibilities were the managing of Guyana Stores Ltd.; Guyana National Printers Ltd.; Guyana National Shipping Corporation Ltd.; Demerara Sugar Terminals and the Guyana Oil Corporation Ltd. In January 1993, he assumed the position of Chief Executive Officer of Guyana Stores Ltd., relinquishing the management of the other companies. After his retirement in 1994, the next year he was appointed the Deputy Chairman of McAl Trading Ltd., with responsibilities for the operation of the two companies owned by Ansa McAl in Guyana-Ansa McAl Trading Ltd. and Seals and Packaging Industries Ltd. He worked as Chairman of the Board of the Mercy Hospital and of Food for the Poor Guyana Ltd. He was awarded the Golden Arrow of Achievement. Mr.

Anthony Vieira Mr. Anthony Vieira was born in Georgetown on 17th September 1945. He wrote the GCE examinations at Mount St. Benedict, a boarding school in Trinidad and Tobago, in 1965. Returning to Guyana two years after, he took an Agronomy Course at the University of Guyana. He later became a Bookers Cadet and worked at Blairmont, Skeldon, and Rose Hall estates in Berbice. In 1969 he worked at Versailles estate as an Agricultural Superintendent and subsequently became Administrative Manager of the same estate. He worked with the Guyana Sugar Corporation until 1991. Mr. Vieira is interested in television broadcasting and his Vieira Communications Television, Channel 28 is viewed by many Guyanese.

Dr. Desrey Fox

Dr. Fox, an Akawaio, was born at Waramadong, an Amerindian village on the Kamarang River in the Cuyuni-Mazaruni Region, on 2nd January 1955. She attended the Waramadong Seventh

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Day Adventist Primary School and the Georgetown Seventh Day Adventist Academy. She holds a PhD (Linguistics), Rice University, Huston, Texas, USA. (2003); MA (Linguistics) Rice University (2003); MA (Environmental Anthropology), University of Kent at Canterbury UK (1997) and Bachelor of Social Sciences, Sociology, University of Guyana (1988). She is now a Post-Doctoral Research Associate, University of Oregon. Dr. Fox is the recipient of several awards: The Dennis Irvine Prize, University of Guyana (1988); The Robert Lowrey Patten Prize, Rice University (1999); and The Women's 2000 Award, Rice University. Dr, Fox is actually employed by the University of Guyana as a graduate Researcher in the Amerindian Research Unit. Her excellent performance shows that Amerindians are capable of pursuing any endeavour with the same intellectual fervor as any other Guyanese.

**Activity**

1. Write the names of 10 other national leaders of Guyana
2. Describe their contributions to Guyana.

**Home Work**

Find out and write briefly about our leaders who received national awards in 2019

**Reference**

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