

## 4. Responsibility

*This activity is focused on two books that depict leaders who take action on a problem rather than just blaming others or leaving it to others to do.*



### **Materials Needed:**

Book **“Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez”** by Kathleen Krull

Book **“The People Who Hugged The Trees”** by Deborah Lee Rose

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*When something goes wrong, sometimes it makes us feel better if we can blame something else or someone else. A leader takes responsibility. It is okay to make mistakes. Mistakes are an opportunity to learn.*

Read **“Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez”** by Kathleen Krull.

Discuss Chavez’ leadership. What things did he do to lead? Was it easy for him?

Did he take risks?

Using **BLM 2.2**, encourage students to write on the sheet provided or in their own personal journals and draw after hearing this story.

Then read **“The People Who Hugged The Trees”** by Deborah Lee Rose.

*This is a story of how trees protect people from the heat and wind in the desert weather. A powerful prince decides to cut all the trees to build his new fortress. A brave girl wraps her arms around a tree to prevent it from being cut down.*

*Why did the girl hug the tree? What did she believe in? Did she stand up for what she believed in? What risks did she take?*

**If you knew it was safe to do so, would you hug the person in the poster? Would you do it if it would help to protect or look after that person? Would that be a comfortable thing for you to do, or would you be a bit uncomfortable doing it?**

Again, encourage students to write in their Journals after reading this story.

Are there qualities students' would now add to their Leadership List?

**Teacher Notes:**

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