Pre-Reading Questions:
- What are some jobs that the president does?
- What is one of your favorite proverbs?

There was a child named Eric who wanted to become president of the Republic. He often listened to the president’s speeches on the radio. When the president came to the region to visit the people, the child saw that he was **honorable** and had a presidential guard. Eric thought, “I will become president.”
After his primary studies, Eric continued in secondary school, and his ambition grew. He studied hard, and fortunately he obtained excellent marks at the end of his studies.

Because of this, the state **rewarded** him so he could continue his studies in the University of Rubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He studied politics. He was clever, **smart**, strong, and obedient. His classmates consulted with him during group work. He asked many questions in class.

After his university studies, Eric thought, “In Africa, lots of presidents went to a military academy,” so he became a soldier. Because he had studied a lot, his rank increased every year.

When Eric was a major, he wanted to be elected in his country. He lost, but he did not revolt against his opponent. He was patient during the presidential term. He left to continue his military training in a foreign country, where he obtained the rank of general.

While Eric was in the foreign country, he heard that invaders had attacked his country. He returned
to his country and fought against them, and the opposing country’s president gave up. Eric’s people chose him as their president because of his bravery.

Whoever begins well, finishes well, and God helps those who help themselves.

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