

## QUOTATIONS ABOUT POWER

## Partners:

Read the quotations about power. Assign each quotation a “truth ranking” from 1 to 5.

Put a ★ by the quote you think is MOST true. Put an ✘ by the quote you think is LEAST true.

1	2	3	4	5
Never True	Seldom True	Sometimes True	Often True	Always True

\_\_\_\_\_ Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.—Martin Luther King Jr., *Strength to Love*, 1963

\_\_\_\_\_ Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.—Lord Acton, 1887

\_\_\_\_\_ It is not power that corrupts but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it and fear of the scourge of power corrupts those who are subject to it.  
—Aung San Suu Kyi, “Freedom from Fear” speech, 1990

\_\_\_\_\_ Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.—Mao Zedong

\_\_\_\_\_ Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.  
—Ronald Reagan, First Inaugural Address, 1981

\_\_\_\_\_ When I despair, I remember that all through history the ways of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants, and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall.—Mohandas Gandhi

\_\_\_\_\_ When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.  
—Jimi Hendrix

\_\_\_\_\_ This country has been strip-mined by rich and powerful interests. If you don’t like what they’re doing, don’t just sit there.—Ralph Nader, 1992

\_\_\_\_\_ The men who create power make an indispensable contribution to the Nation’s greatness, but the men who question power make a contribution just as indispensable.  
—John F. Kennedy, speech at Amherst College, 1963