

Honorable Mention

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Title: *The Dictionary Is The Only Place Where Success Comes Before Work*

"The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work."
-Unknown Author

I believe that this quote supplies us with a law of life because it says that you have to work hard to gain successes in life. The quote shows that you cannot get anywhere in life without work. The successes are therefore a reward and effect of a job well done. I believe the author of this quote meant the same thing that I think, things don't just happen overnight, practice and hard work are the keys to success in the world. What this quote should mean to everyone is that opportunity just don't walk up to you, you have to work for it, and work hard!

I have already explained what the quote means to me, that you have to work hard to develop the success that others have. I do not think that anyone you ask who is successful will tell you that they did not have to work hard for their rankings. The past few years in academic classes I have had the idea that I could get all right grades but not turn in my homework. I had that diluted image that without doing the work I could obtain a decent GPA, get into a decent college, and be accepted into a highly credited job field. As my grades continued to plummet, I began to realize that if I wanted to reach all my personal goals I was going to have to put a little more effort into it. Others, such as teachers and parents, had tried to get me to realize the law sooner but I guess I had to experience it first hand for it to sink in. For about a month now I have been completing my homework on time and have realized the importance of work ethics and my grades have turned around and have been climbing steadily. That is the main reason I wanted everyone to follow this rule so others do not experience what I did and potentially mess up their chances to attend a well credited school or obtain the job you wish to have.

In the future I plan to go above and beyond the call of duty. I have learned that success is not something easily obtained but that you have to work and try your best to reach your goals. I am going to complete and hand in all classwork and homework assignments to keep my grades up and to reach all of my personal goals. I will never go back to the years I did not follow this laws because those were hard times and I have grown and learned from the experience. I believe this rule is important to follow so all others are able to reach their goals, to develop good work habits/ethics, and so the world is filled with success and not failure. If everyone followed this law of life we would all be much happier because there would be no unreached goals so therefore we could all do what we wanted. Also, there would not be as much poverty and unemployment. The world would be happier and a much kinder place to live.