

NARRATIVE ESSAY

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The Fear of Failure

“Do not be embarrassed by your failures, learn from them and start again.” —Richard Branson.

Aside from the books, notebooks, and other school supplies that made my backpack too heavy to carry every day, I also carry with me determination, perseverance, and patience. I considered these as formulas I need to succeed in my goal, and that is to finish my studies. Despite being so focused on my goal and being optimistic in life, I still have fear within me. Fear of failure is something that every student worries about. What if I cannot make it? What if I will not fulfil the promise I made to my parents? These are a few of the many questions that linger in my mind. Failure is possible as obstacles and challenges are there all the time.

As a student, I also struggle in class. Especially on the subjects that I am not good at. It disappoints me sometimes to see how I perform on exams. A fear would start to build in me. I see this as one of the reasons for my failure in school. Sometimes, I question myself, where did I go wrong? Is my effort not enough? Even when I double my time to study, still I can't be that good enough in a certain subject. After all, I continue to work hard on my studies.

The projects and homework that I need to submit on time were also very important for me as a student. The pressure to finish it on time and to have a passing mark is all I wish. But sometimes, we cannot avoid the problems along the way. It might be a lack of resources, money, or moral support from people around you. As a result, projects and homework failed to be submitted. Because of this, I felt a mix of embarrassment, anxiety, anger, sadness, and shame, to name a few.

Despite the failures and challenges that I encountered in my studies and my journey as a student, I realized that I should not give up. I remember the formulas to succeed in my goal to include