

Hard work will not only triumph over failure in school, but in other situations as well. A prime example of failure leading to success is in Homer's epic, *The Odyssey*. Throughout Odysseus' journey home from the Trojan War, he encountered many failures and (setbacks). Yet, he never gave up. ~~★ shift. (+)~~ Odysseus persevered through the negatives, and eventually returned back to Ithaca, his homeland. ~~appositive~~

Many events on Odysseus' voyage home did not go as planned. An example, ~~He was~~ is being trapped on Polyphemus' island. He and his men were trapped in Polyphemus' cave, ~~but,~~ instead of losing hope, Odysseus fought his way out by stabbing the beast in the eye, blinding him, triumphing over failure. ~~(+) asyndeton~~

Another instance of "failure" for Odysseus was the loss of the bag of wind. Aeolus, the god of wind, gave the bag of wind to Odysseus as a gift. Unfortunately, on the way home, the crew believed it was treasure Odysseus was keeping for himself. With this thought, they opened the bag while Odysseus was sleeping. All the wind flew out of the bag, pushing the ship back to Aeolus' island. ~~★ ★~~

After both these incidences of failure, he continued to persevere and stay faithful to his goal. Odysseus knew, failure is not forever. Although he had a rough couple months at sea, Odysseus finally made it back home, proving hard work and determination leads to success.

A young, determined seagull, Jonathan, used hard work and dedication, to overcome failure. Jonathan Livingston Seagull was no ordinary bird. Most gulls don't bother to grasp flying skills, other than the simplest facts of flight: getting from the shore to food, and back. However, Jon was different; he craved to master fast pace, high-altitude flying.

Jonathan tested out many different techniques of flying. Trial after trial, failure after failure, Jonathon was not willing to give up. ~~It was not long until Jon was practicing everyday, against his parents orders. He demanded success.~~ ~~(+)~~

With voices in his head telling him he couldn't do it, Jonathan persevered. With countless injuries from crashing, Jonathan persevered. Everyone doubted him, including his parents, yet Jonathan persevered. As a final result, Jon's hard work and perseverance paid off. Jonathan succeeded, became a fast pace, high-altitude flying seagull, and he learned: failure is not forever. ~~★ motif consistent~~

Failure is not a bad thing, rather, a bump in the road, on the path to success. From the 8th century to 2017, it has been proven that through hard work and dedication, failure leads to success. ~~application~~
When trying to succeed in something new, always remember: failure is not forever.