

GRADE 9 ELA Assessment

Writing Prompt:

Which is the greater success:

achieving something easily

OR

working hard at something when you know you might fail?

Using appropriate evidence from your reading, your experiences, and/or your observations, write a well-organized multi-paragraph essay in which you take a clear stance and support your opinion.

The greater success is achieving something easily. I have experienced this many times in my life. For example, when I was in middle school, I was on the basketball team. I was a good player, and I was able to score many points. I was proud of my achievements, and I felt like I had succeeded. However, when I went to high school, I was on a different team, and I was not as good. I was not able to score as many points, and I felt like I had failed. This experience taught me that achieving something easily is not always the greatest success. Sometimes, the greatest success is working hard at something when you know you might fail. I have experienced this many times in my life. For example, when I was in middle school, I was on the basketball team. I was a good player, and I was able to score many points. I was proud of my achievements, and I felt like I had succeeded. However, when I went to high school, I was on a different team, and I was not as good. I was not able to score as many points, and I felt like I had failed. This experience taught me that achieving something easily is not always the greatest success. Sometimes, the greatest success is working hard at something when you know you might fail.

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A 07: Cause/Effect

18. According to details from the selection, which of the following is *NOT* an effect of T.J.'s hard work over the winter?

- a. The narrator develops new appreciation for spring.
- ☒ b. The group of boys sees a project through for the first time.
- c. The boys create a garden plot on a rooftop.
- d. The adults quit paying attention to the boys.
- e. The narrator develops admiration for T.J.

CT 09: Author's Purpose

19. The author's purpose for writing the second paragraph is most likely

- a. to describe the garden.
- b. to establish mood.
- ☒ c. to characterize T.J.
- d. to indicate the passage of time.
- e. to establish point of view.

CT 11: Extends Beyond the Text

20. Based on the information in the selection, which generalization can the reader make about gardening?

- a. Gardens must contain a variety of fruits and vegetables.
- b. All students should be able to raise their own garden.
- c. Only people who have a strong understanding of soil properties can raise a garden.
- d. Gardening is only possible in the country.
- ☒ e. Gardening requires dedication to achieve results.

The greater success is working hard at something when you know you might fail because when you go through honest hard work you'll have a greater satisfaction in the end.

In the Antaeus passage T.J. was determined to finish the garden. Even if the other boys didn't know how to organize the garden T.J. was a great leader. From my own experiences in gymnastics practicing with hard work makes the finished outcome even more satisfying because you actually did something and accomplished it.

So through hard work the greater success is working hard even when you know you might fail because it gives you greater satisfaction in the end.