

SAMPLE OF QUOTE ESSAY

The world is full of failure. Every second hundreds of brilliant individuals sit at home and watch the world pass them by. Everyday thousands of great ideas are lost because their creators give up on them before they are given a chance to take off. Every year thousands of amazingly talented individuals give up on their dreams because they are too afraid to press on. Mediocrity has become a degenerative disease that haunts human success. Yet despite all these failures, letdowns, and lost causes, there still exist instances of brave individuals who have persevered to overcome the obstacles in their lives; in fact, these individuals stand as beacons of hope and pride to all of those people who are attempting to conquer their demons and as testaments to the Roman satirist Persius' famous quote, "He conquers who endures." No matter what problem one faces. He or she can achieve great amounts of success through perseverance.

This year I decided to take AP physics. I enjoy science, but I've never been the top student in my science classes, so this was a big leap. I wanted the challenge, and I wanted to use the class as preparation for the rigors of college next year. By October, I found myself floundering: the class was too difficult, my notes were incoherent, and my grand plan was not working. My teacher started hinting that I needed to come see him before I flunked out of his class. I have spent the last few months meeting with him every Monday after school, and the results have been amazing. I could have dropped the class at the semester, but I decided not to. I've raised my grade to a B and have a better understanding about taking notes and studying.

Tyrone "Muggsy" Bouges is a fine example of a person who attained great levels of success through perseverance. Before his life as a start point guard in the NBA, Muggsy grew up in a rundown, rat-infested apartment in Baltimore. Living in one of the worst neighborhoods in the United States, Muggsy witnessed such horrors as a man being beaten to death by a baseball bat, a man being stabbed reportedly by an ice pick, and the shooting of one of his friends. To top these off, Muggsy himself was shot with a shotgun by an upset neighbor when he was only four years old. Muggsy wanted to get out of his neighborhood and start a better life, so rather than fall into a life of crime like so many before him had, he decided to spend his days training to become a professional basketball player at the local recreation center. This was a great idea, but the only problem with it was the fact that Muggsy was only 5' 3". Facing constant mockery about his height and his aspirations, Muggsy worked on his game everyday and earned a scholarship to Wake Forest University. After playing for Wake and earning an education that his family would have otherwise been unable to provide for him, Muggsy was drafted into the NBA and became the shortest player in league history. Regularly guarding players that made him look shorter than a fire hydrant, he started as a point guard in the league for the better part of a decade. Where most people his height would have had trouble intimidating a high school girl, Muggsy's perseverance and dedication lead him to intimidate seven-foot-tall professional basketball players on the court on a nightly basis and proved to millions that a man's heart can be bigger than any bone in his body.

Similar to Muggsy Bouges, Carson McCullers overcame numerous obstacles on her way to becoming the author that Tennessee Williams called "the greatest prose writer that the South has ever produced." While growing up as a musical prodigy in Georgia, Carson came down with a life-threatening case of rheumatic fever. She fought through
