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***Literature Unit 1—Life Lessons
Success in Eighth Grade
Expository Essay Assignment***

Writing Prompt

Read the article “10 Habits of Highly Successful Students” by Jessica Rose. Consider how a student in 8th grade could use the traits she discusses to be successful, both in and out of school. Write a five-paragraph essay answering the following question: **What does it take to be successful in the eighth grade? Use text evidence from the article to support your discussion.** Use at least two direct quotations in your essay. Remember:

- You will need to discuss three specific traits that impact a student’s success and provide very detailed examples of why these traits are necessary.
- This is an expository/informational essay. It should provide clear, reasonable facts and details to define traits that students need in order to be successful eighth graders.
- Your essay should have an introductory paragraph with a clear introduction style and a thesis statement. A thesis statement is a sentence that identifies the focus of the paper.
- The essay should also contain three body paragraphs and a conclusion.
- Each body paragraph should describe a specific trait or fact that supports your thesis statement. It should include text evidence (direct and/or indirect quotations from the article).
- The conclusion should summarize (**NOT** restate) the information discussed in the essay and should not introduce any new information.