

Did I Take an L??

I lost; I didn't win; I took an L. However you put it, you failed. When I fail at something I run into a corner and cry (joking). I have had plenty of experiences with "failure". Nobody is perfect and failure is a part of life. Failure is defined as "Lack of success". It can be defined in other ways depending on the individual. Some may agree with the traditional meaning. Others like myself have another way of defining failure. I define failure as a learning experience rather than "lack of success".

Failure is what got us this far if you think about it. If we did not look at failure as a learning experience, the human race could not progress into the people we are. No one would want to ask someone for advice because everyone failed. Failure doesn't define who you are as a person. It also doesn't determine how successful you are in life.

I talk to my dad about everything. Anytime advice is needed, I run to him. I swear it is like he's psychic; 99.99% of the time he is right. It's like I am living his life over again, but this time I have the cheat codes. He has had a lot of "failures" in his life and instead of reliving them. I avoid them by learning from his mistakes he made in the past.

Meek Mill has taken L after L. Does that mean that he lacks success after his "failures" of "losing" to Drake in a rap beef, losing Nicki Minaj, falling down the steps at his mom's house? Should we look at all of this as a "lack of success"? He has gained so much publicity. He's made more money, bought more cars, chains, and sold even more records. If this is the life of a man who "lacks success," sign me up.

I failed my learners permit test the first time around. Did I lack success? Sure I did, but I didn't see it that way. I was 16 years old. It felt like I waited my whole life to get this chance and got shut down in five questions. I walked out of that PennDOT facility salty. That minor setback had me go back and study the book from front to back. My mom told me I had to wait a month before I would waste her time again. I went back a month later and I passed the test flawlessly in under 60 seconds.

A few months ago I was in this very same course, English 098; I didn't pass the class. Does this mean me or anyone else repeating is a failure? It must have been a sign for me to humble myself. I was very assertive and arrogant toward the professor. I told him at the start of the semester that I didn't belong in his class, and I had a lot of success in the past with writing. I put in the bare minimum amount of effort. As a result I received a bare minimum effort grade. That doesn't mean that I lack success. I am back here for a reason and here to give this class my best effort.

Failing isn't for the weak. It's not fun to lose, but is something that is going to happen to the best of us. It isn't easy. Failure isn't just a "lack of success" it is a learning experience that no one should be afraid of. I think it's something that should be embraced rather than frowned upon.