

The Importance of Failure

“Failure is not falling down, it is not getting up again” -Mary Pickford (actress)



Famous failures (3 minutes)

"If you've never failed, you've never tried anything new"

<https://goo.gl/MlnJVI>



John Legend: Success through effort (2 minutes)

<https://goo.gl/ztJgsf>

Mindset Exercise

Consider the histogram for CHM 201 Exam I and note where your midterm grade is on the graph. If you maintain your current effort level, it is reasonable to expect the indicated grade as your final course grade.

- Close your eyes and visualize yourself in the future – it is June 10th and you’ve just received this midterm grade as you final course grade for CHM 201.
- How does that make you feel?
- Think about sharing this news with an important person in your life, maybe a friend or a parent or a significant other. How would that discussion make you feel?
- If you are not satisfied with your Exam I results, what can you do to change the trajectory of your current path? If you want to improve your performance, you must consider two things:
 - How **much time** are you spending working on Organic Chemistry?
 - What are you **doing** with your time?

Organic Learning Community (OLC): Week 4 suggested activity

Watch the Derek Sivers TED talk together and discuss.



TEDx talk Derek Sivers- Why You Need to Fail (5:24)

<https://goo.gl/qMwHDC>

Think about a “fantastic struggle” you’ve had in your own life that resulted in a successful accomplishment (e.g., learning an instrument, playing a sport, learning a new routine/skill, succeeding in a difficult course, etc.). Share your story with your group. Why was this goal important to you? Were you ever close to giving up? What motivated you to persist? Where did you go for guidance when you needed help? Why do you think you ultimately succeeded?