





THE POWER OF GETTING IT WRONG





INTRODUCTION

Today, we will:

- **#** Identify emotions connected to failure and perseverance.
- Reframe a perceived failure into a success story.
- * Recognize how affirming relationships build resilience.







SEL CONNECTION



Today, we will practice **self-management** by learning how to recognize and regulate our emotions during moments of failure and use reflection to stay motivated and focused on growth.









FAIL OR FLOURISH?









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Is failure part of the growth process? Let's find out.

Today we'll explore how different people view failure — and what it might teach us about growth.







FAIL OR FLOURISH?

Move to the side of the room that matches your opinion:



FLOURISH – Failure helps you grow

UNSURE – Still thinking about it

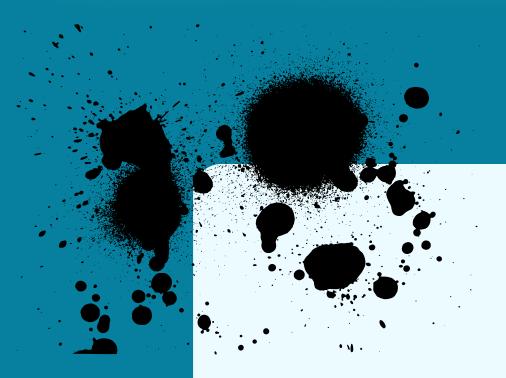
After everyone in the class moves, turn to someone near you and share your thoughts:

- "Why did you choose this side?"
- "What makes you think that?"





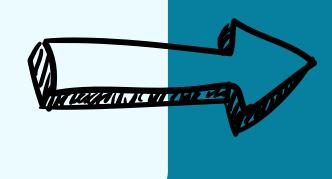




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STATEMENT 1

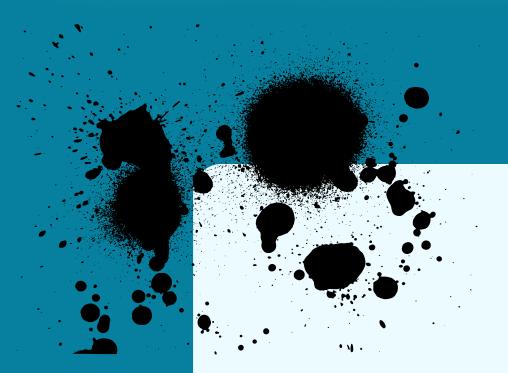
When you fail, it means you weren't good enough.







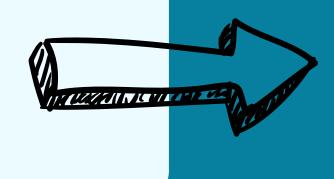




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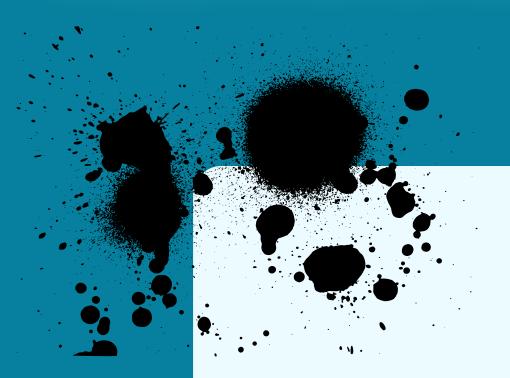
You can learn more from mistakes than from success.







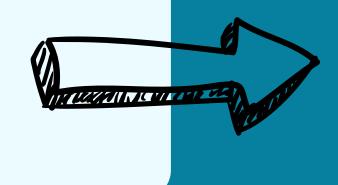




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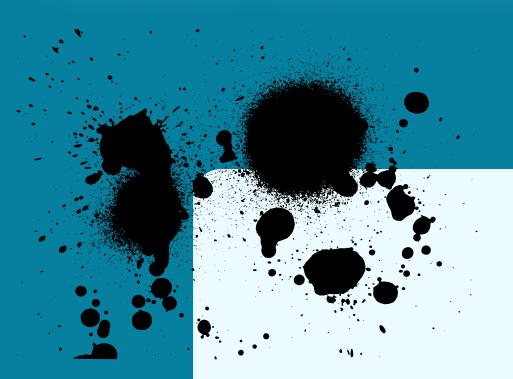
The people who succeed most have failed the most.











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STATEMENT 4

Failure only hurts if you care about what you're doing.







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As a class, discuss:

- What did this show us about how we view failure?
- Can failure actually help us flourish?













IDENTIFY YOUR EMOTIONS

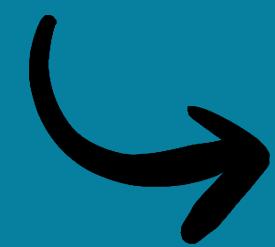






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In life sometimes you get things wrong over and over...and the only way to get it right is to do it and get it wrong until you get it right."

— LaRussell

Think about times you didn't get it right the first time.

- What emotions come up when you hear this quote?
- What do you usually feel when you fail?









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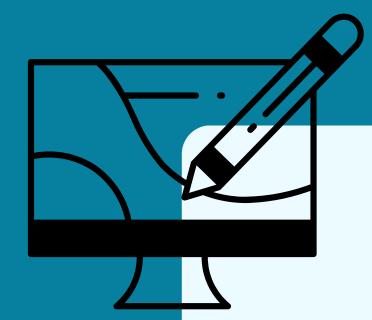
STORY 1: THE MISSED SHOT

Jordan tried out for the basketball team three years in a row. Each year, they made it a little farther—but still got cut before the final roster. The night after the last tryout, Jordan wanted to quit for good. But their best friend reminded them, "Every year, you've gotten better. Keep shooting." That summer, Jordan practiced daily, joined a local rec league, and finally made the team senior year.









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STORY 2: THE POST NO ONE LIKED

Amaya spent weeks designing her first digital art post, hoping it would blow up on social media. But when she posted it, only three people liked it—one was her cousin. She felt embarrassed and almost deleted her account. Her art teacher encouraged her to post again and create for herself, not the algorithm. Months later, one of her drawings was featured on the school's website.









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STORY 3: THE CODING CRASH

Malik was excited to enter a gaming challenge at school. But the day before the showcase, his game glitched and wouldn't load. He panicked, thinking everyone would laugh. His tech teacher helped him step back, debug calmly, and keep trying. He didn't win the contest—but he learned how to fix the game himself, and now he helps others code after school.







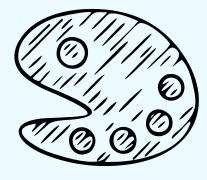
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Move to the story that speaks to you most.



THE MISSED SHOT

Jordan's basketball tryouts



THE POST NO ONE LIKED

Amaya's digital art



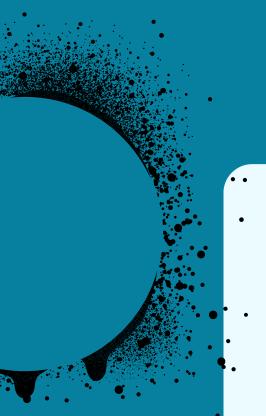
THE CODING CRASH

Malik's game









IDENTIFY YOUR EMOTIONS

- What emotions might they have felt?
- How did self-management of their emotions support them?
- Who supported or affirmed them?











At your seat, choose a prompt and respond on your graphic organizer:

- A time I got something wrong again and again...
- A time I was scared to fail but tried anyway...
- A time someone's belief in me helped me keep going.

How did you feel at the start, middle, and end?











REWRITE YOUR STORY









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Focus on this quote:

"Just keep working, your day gon' come... it might take ten, it might take a hundred."

— LaRussell











REWRITE YOUR STORY

Stand up and listen for each statement.

Take one step forward if it's true for you.











REWRITE YOUR STORY

I've failed at something that mattered to me.











REWRITE YOUR STORY

Someone encouraged me to keep trying.











REWRITE YOUR STORY

I learned something important from a mistake.











REWRITE YOUR STORY

I'm still working toward a goal I haven't reached yet.











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What did this show you about failure and support?











REWRITE YOUR STORY

Return to your seat and rewrite your previous story as a success story.

- What did you learn?
- How could the ending change with persistence or support?
- What emotion replaces fear once you push through?

Give your story a title like From Fear to Focus or Missed Shot to MVP.











REWRITE YOUR STORY

Write 3–5 **self-management** tips for when life gets tough.

Example: Pause, breathe, and try again.



