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PERSONAL ESSAY

Childhood is a period of your life when you are curious about everything. During this period, you encounter different situations that teach you something. This gives you some experience that changes your conception of the world around you. It is interesting that the situation from which you can learn can happen any time. It also can last for years; only after a long time, you would realize that this was nothing else than the experience giving you the lesson.

In my community, I observed many things happening around me. There were some turning points in my childhood from which I have learnt valuable lessons. I remember a young man who lived across the street. The only thing I knew about him was that he was about 25 years old, and his name was Mike. I was a six-year-old boy at that time. One summer day, I was looking through the window when I noticed that Mike came out of the house bringing some tools. He came back and brought out wood materials. During the next seven hours, he was trying to build something that looked like a table. While he was working, many people just passed by. They were looking at him and laughing. Some of them stopped and asked what he was doing. Then, they smiled and went away. As a child, I was very curious. I

decided to ask this man what was his goal. When I came to him, his attention was really focused on his job. He did not even notice me at once. Then we chatted a little bit and I came back home. It turned out that he set a goal to become a carpenter without any special training courses or education. In the future, he would like to sell his woodwork. It was very ambitious goal, because the table that he finished in three days was not looking good for sale. It was not only my opinion; the other people who saw his job also thought the same way. However, despite the words of people, Mike firmly believed in his success. He continued to work outside the house for the whole summer. Starting from the fall, he worked inside. Everyone forgot about him.

The next summer, Mike began to work outside again. To my surprise, he was much better with tools. Day by day, he made out of wood nice and practical things. Now, everyone who passed by did not laugh. On the contrary, people told him nice words and were very supportive. One day, one of those people had a very long conversation with Mike. They both smiled and looked at the latest wooden thing made by Mike. It was a chair decorated in a very pleasant style. Later, I found out that this was the first product that Mike sold. He was very proud and continued his work improving his skills in this direction. After many years, Mike opened his own company. Today, he and his hired workers produce different wooden hand-made products satisfying the needs of many customers.

This is a small story from my life that taught me some valuable lessons. It gave me a strong conception of how to become successful in life. Mike showed me by his example that if you have a dream or a goal, you must come to the end no matter what. There may be many challenges and difficulties on this way such as other people failing to understand your

ideas, not enough faith in your own strength, constant thoughts that you will never achieve decent results. Additionally, I have learnt that it is really important to have a goal in your life. Without it, you will be starting something new all the time but after the first failure, you will give up. Only a properly set goal could lead you to success in life. The more goals you set, the more successful your life will be.