

EPILOGUE - YOUR MISSION IN LIFE

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This is the first day in the remainder of your life. Yes! Let's begin then by referring to the **EPILOGUE** in **What Color Is Your Parachute?** to find out where you are going?

YOUR TASK

After reading the Epilogue in Parachute, what is your long-term (five to seven years) mission in life as you see it today? Then, write a short personal autobiography of your life to date concluding with what you want to accomplish. Block out a 60 minute period for this assignment. (As a guideline, no more than two typed pages or four handwritten pages maximum.).

Focus on your achievements likes and dislikes, the people that impressed you, and challenges you resolved. Can you identify at least seven (7) incidents in your life in which you achieved something important to you- in your opinion?

You may want to include a description of a situation in which you achieved something that you, at first, thought was impossible. Perhaps you resolved a problem. Who or what motivated you to achieve? You have my permission to **BLOW YOUR OWN HORN!** Please do not repeat the details about your education or work experience. Focus on the aspect that was an achievement in your opinion.

This assignment will help you prepare narrative essays and statements required for scholarship programs, educational programs, college applications, and employer interviews.

(To say you want to become a teacher is not enough; add the grade level and subject matter major. What area of expertise do you want to achieve? Why do you want to teach? What will you personally gain?

DIFFICULTY

This is a difficult task for most people. So, this attempt is a draft. This is why you are taking this course. During the course it was your objective to work on your goal statement. (Don't say your goal is to get a goal! (That is a given--)) To say you want to be 'happy' is not enough! Happiness is an emotional experience- resulting from achieving something tangible or measurable. What achievement is likely to make you 'happy? ?' Is everybody happy?

HINT! Your goal has to be big enough to overcome the obstacles that will be placed in your way. You must have the commitment to overcome problems that will be thrown at you- the minefield- because you can count on problems- many of them.