

A good university is the key to success.

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Everything went perfect for Robin. He was a very active student in both his studies and extra-curricular activities. Nobody was surprised when he was chosen as valedictorian of his high school. He was accepted by all the universities he applied for, and some even offered great scholarships. Finally, he became a student of the top university in his country. His life became even better after he graduated from university. He got a job at a worldwide financial company with a high paying salary.

He started working as a fund manager. Everything was just perfect, or maybe too perfect.

A few years later, his face was all over the news. He was charged with financial fraud. He made one wrong decision, and his life is now in chaos. His educational background was too good. Everyone trusted him. However, now it is too late to take back his mistakes.

Jason used to call himself an unfortunate kid. His family was in financial difficulty when he was a teenager. He barely finished high school with his low grades, but he never gave up on his dream. Right after he graduated high school, he started his job as an engineer at a small factory. His job was simple and easy, but he tried his best.

Now he runs his own factory. His customers are satisfied with the way he handles the work. When he thinks about his past, he realizes that attending a good university is just one option. He doesn't think the only option for smart people to succeed is attending university.



Individual Research

Write some supporting ideas for each topic below.

Advantages of attending a university

1.

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Disadvantages of attending a university

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3.

◆ **Answer the following questions.**

1. What kind of student was Robin?
2. Where did Robin work?
3. What happened to Robin a few years later?
4. Summarize Jason's youth.
5. How did Jason's life turn out?

◆ **Check the correct answer.**

	True	False
1. Things were too perfect for Robin.		
2. Robin was poor when he was young.		
3. Robin's life turned out well.		
4. Jason didn't go to college.		
5. Jason became a financial fraud.		

◆ **Find the definition for each word.**

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| 1. salary | • | • the crime of deceiving people |
| 2. scholarship | • | • the qualification you get from school |
| 3. fraud | • | • an amount of money given by schools |
| 4. option | • | • money that you receive as payment |
| 5. degree | • | • a choice you can make |

Time to Think

Read the questions and discuss them with your classmates.



1. What does success mean to you?
2. Do you think going to university will be necessary for your life? Why do you think people tend to go to university?
3. Is there a specific university you want to go to? Why do you want to study there? What do you want to major in?
4. Do you think a good educational background such as attending a well-known university would lead you to a better job?
5. Do you think people who don't go to university would have fewer chances to succeed?
6. What does higher education, such as studying at a university, mean to you?
7. Do top universities guarantee a successful life?
8. What if someone you care about like your sibling or best friend told you that he or she decided not to attend university? What would you say to him or her?

