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I Search Question Proposal

Question: Why does hard work and sustained effort not guarantee the desired success?

What I Know:

* People like my brother can slave away for four years at Stuyvesant, and not get into any college except his backup college.
* Luck is a big factor in success regardless of how hard one works. In schools, this could be getting a teacher that does not suit someone's learning style or one who gives tests on the same day that other teachers give tests.
* People can study for a single test for many weeks at a time, only to fail it while someone who studies the night before can ace the test.

What I want to Know:

* How do you make sure that hard work does not go in vain?
* What is a pointless effort?
* Where should most of one's effort be poured into?
* Was hard work more effective in the past?

Goals for the project:

* Interview a senior at Stuyvesant.
* Compile ways to making sure hard work does not go to waste.