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## <u>Literacy Narrative</u>

There are many days that go by in our lives and neither of those days will go exactly the same to one another but an experience that can occur in one of those days can really have a negative to days to come. Maybe the experience was so bad that whenever something relating to the tragedy is brought up the mood of the person changes drastically or the experience was a life changer that made the person go through a road that wasn't the best of roads. I'm not proud to admit that but that is the road I took.

A very long time ago, during the first few years of middle school I was in a good position. I was placed in a honors class for being a consistent student for the years following up to middle school but it didn't end the way it started. I got through the first year of middle school well and I was able to be placed in a honors class for seventh grade but this is where it took a turn into the wrong road. I was performing to what normally did, such as not handing in assignments on time and wasn't getting scores on tests as good as I would before. The reason all of this was occurring was because I just didn't like school and felt unmotivated to do these things for school. I got through the year but it was the results of that year that caused it to have such a big impact in my life. Not only did I get dropped from the honors class and got placed in the class under it but it was seventh grade meaning that the grades I receive for the year is the grades high schools will see. It was hard to find the path I was going to take after middle school.

That year wasn't the worst thing that can happen to the person and the way I bounced back from that setback in following year was pretty good but whenever I think long and hard about it it just puts me in a mood in which I do not like. I always think about it for a few minutes and the ideas that flow through my head in this event are overreacting to me at least. I say to myself, "Where would I have been if I kept up my consistency and went on and get myself into better and more challenging schools?". It haunts me how I will never have the answer to that question as I could've had the answer for if I wasn't careless in those days. Up to this day I give myself a few minutes

to think about how my life would've been different and less regretful. Maybe I am handling the situation wrong but I have become accustomed to it and it was all from an event that happened about five to seven years ago. All I can blame for having these thoughts and having these regrets is myself. I am not saying the path I took was bad as it was actually pretty good and I tried to make it to the best of my ability but the thoughts I received are not pleasing. Not only do I think about how my life would have different but I do wonder what the lives of others would have been like. I definitely would have not met the people I know and speak too in today's world. It's because of the school's educational system that you are put into schools with people with similar grades as you but if I would have been taking seventh grade seriously, what would've been the people I met? What would have happened to the people I met already? How would my family have seen me? All these questions are coming back and forth and it is all because of that event I experienced in my past.

There are probably a lot of people who can relate in a way to the prompt I discussed and I just want to say that it is ok to feel that way. As I grew older they only thing I can think about to deal with this situation about looking back at past mistakes is to keep going. A trend that I picked up recently and I believe it has helped as well as a lot of other people is to say that we can't do much about it now and that it is a part of God's plan. I picked up that phrase just because I noticed that it is really God's plan and that we can't change that. I want people who can relate to my problem to pick up the phrase I picked up and use to remind you to snap out of those thoughts and questions when they come to your head to focus on what is best for you know in the situation you are currently in. Only then will we get past the impact we had earlier in our lives and to make use of what we have.