Last year in school the teachers assigned a project. The project had many assignments that you were going to have to do independently and to do that you had to manage your time. The pressure was on and I was so nervous because I needed to meet the deadline or I would be so embarrassed. I was quick and not thorough at all on the first assignment. The day I went to turn it in, the work was sloppy and looked rushed. Of course, it had been rushed. In my haste to make the due date, I focused on speed rather than quality. The day of judgment arrived. My palms were sweating and I was nervous about what my teacher might think. Even though it was the middle of the year, it felt like I was handing in my first piece of work ever. I handed it to my teacher and he just looked at it. I wondered, is it good? Or bad? He slowly looked up at me and said “XXXXX I know this is not your best work.”

Like a sad dog, I slowly lowered my head and took the paperback. I was frustrated. In my head, that piece of work was just as good as my other ones. That night I got back home and I decided to do it again. It was that or get a grade that I didn’t want. I was slow and careful this time, focusing on each little detail. I remember it took thirty more minutes the second time but it was worth it. This time going to hand the work to the teacher, I was confident and excited because I knew it was my best work. I gave the work to my teacher and he smiled. “This is much better,” he said. I remember being proud and realizing that if I hadn’t tried again I would not have been able to reach my full potential.

“Even if at first you don’t succeed, try, try again” is not the most original maxim, but I think it will always be important and relevant. Of course, all the other sayings like, “kindness is key,” and “treat others how you want to be treated” are so important, and you should always try to live by them. I just feel like trying again after failure is the most important to me, and it will always be something I will try to live by. Also following that saying doesn’t necessarily mean that when you have tried again you will be perfect, it means that it will always be worth your time to give something a second shot, especially if it is important to you. Important things are never going to be worth only one try, especially if they are hard. Succeeding is one of the best feelings in the world. Knowing that you always have another shot is uplifting and can make you want to work harder and prove to yourself that you can be better.