

The Harbor – What is Success? (Season 1, Episode 5: Success)



WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

School type: HS

Activity goal: To supplement the “Success” episode of The Harbor

Prep Time: Minimal. Can use examples provided or work into existing lessons.

People required: Instructor

Space requirements: Normal classroom space

Timing: Any time

Materials: “Success Example PDF” also Harbor critical thinking PDF for Success found on www.theharbortv.com

Cost: Exclusively available to Jostens customers

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OVERVIEW

In Season 1, Episode 5 of The Harbor, Mike Smith covers the topic of Success and how our views of success can change over time. The following is a lesson that can be used along with the Success episode of The Harbor.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Before watching the episode of The Harbor, have your students write down their thoughts to the following question: What do you think it means to be successful?
2. Have students share with the whole class the answers they came up with to the question. Write their answers on the board.
3. Show the Success episode of The Harbor (Season 1, Episode 5).
4. Have the students answer the question, “What do you think it means to be successful?” again. Discuss the new answers as a class while putting them on the board.
5. Use the following from the critical thinking guide for the episode, and have students share:
Visualize the funeral scenario Mike depicted at the beginning of this episode. How do you want your friends and family to remember you once your time has passed? What words do you want them to use to describe you and your life?
6. End by reading a short but meaningful eulogy to the class. This can be something personal or something you find on the internet. It should reiterate that the first thoughts of the definition of success (from question 1) may not be what people will remember of you when you’re gone.

Note: The submitter of this idea, Joanna Schley, has provided the eulogy she gave when her mother unexpectedly passed away at 58. You can download that eulogy to use in your class at www.JostensRenaissance.com/SuccessLesson