

How to text your kids



1. Choose a topic: Failure

2. Find a related story, timely event, or timeless lesson.



My failure to live up to my parent's expectations – to carry on the family legacy of being a doctor. _____

From early on, I remember my mom and dad telling me that I was going to be a doctor. I would follow in the footsteps of your great-grandfather who was a surgeon in Patton's army in World War 2. In addition to him, we had a number of other doctors in our bloodline, so I was carrying on the legacy. And I was all-in... until I got to college. That's when I realized that I would need to pass complex chemistry classes like Organic Chemistry (I never had your aptitude, Savannah – I might as well have been reading Sanskrit) or have a high proficiency in math (not close to what I needed and nowhere in the vicinity of you, Jett). So, after a few failures, I adjusted. _____

3. Write out your topic.

4. Identify your main point in one sentence.

There's never been a time when I couldn't bandage my wounds, look back at my greatest failures and learn a lesson - my failures make me better.

5. Now put it all together.

Write an introduction.

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Fill in the middle with:

- Story
- Event
- Longer Lesson

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Finish with the main point.

6. Sign it with

Have a great day! Love, Dad.

If at first you don't succeed, fail, fail again. Sounds pretty depressing doesn't it? Not exactly a rally cry of the hopeful. Only, it just might be. My struggles and ultimate failure during college to carry on the family legacy of being a doctor. When you get plowed over, get back up and try it once more. You see, failure teaches lessons... >