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As teenagers, everyone wants to be the next LeBron, Will Smith or Beyonce. We all want to be successful. But, are teens really willing to do what it takes to be successful? I believe that many of us want to be at the top, but are not willing to do what it takes to get there.

Everyone has a different meaning of success. Some say it is how much money you make and how popular you may be. Others believe success is when you reach a certain goal in life. First Lady Michelle Obama once said that success isn't about how much money you make, but rather about the difference you make in people's lives.

I think one step in becoming successful is going to school and getting an education. An education will prepare you with all the necessary tools you'll need for the career that you plan to pursue. It will also help to get a good job so that you can make more money. Knowledge is power, meaning that, with an education you will increase your abilities in life.

Hip-Hop artist, Drake, has a song called "Successful," where he talks about how he wants all of the lavish and luxurious things in life such as money, cars and clothes, but any successful person knows that it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to be successful. Whether you want to be a rapper, an actress or even the President of the United States, you will have to work hard and focus to get to where you want to go. Nothing in life comes easy.

We must work hard for what we want and never stop until we get it. The money, cars and clothes will come later, but for now we should stick to making sure we focus on where we want to go in life. There is more to life than the luxuries and the party scenes. I'm not saying we

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can't "turn up" every now and then, but we must prioritize the things that are most important, which are being successful and making a difference in people's lives.

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