Winners, Losers or Just Kids by Dan Wightman

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Informative Essay

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This essay by Dan Wightman is a clear critique of the division created by the teachers among students who are observed in almost every school. The opening lines of the essay clearly show the fact that the author thinks of himself as an average student. We can suppose the above-mentioned status of the author in high school due to the mention of the winners of his high school, which he deemed to be "Straight A-Grade Students". Another reason that fuel such supposition is the categorization of his friends as losers and describing his grades between Bs and Ds. He describes his and his friends' career choices in detail. But that is a strong criticism of the favoritism that is done b teachers in almost all schools. We often see teachers picking their favorites while utterly ignoring everyone else in their classes. He describes that the "Losers" are visibly more successful in their daily lives than the "Winners" after fifteen years. He describes the situation of a number of his winner or popular classmates that are either dependent on their spouse, working dead-end jobs or broke financially. He criticized the predictions of the career counselor who predicted that his classmate Paula would become a high flyer whereas she ended up becoming a simple housewife. He also described how he was able to change his image made by his teacher that he would end as a "nobody" in life. It is a wise saying: Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery but today is a gift. High school is the beginning of life for all students. One cannot predict how somebody will turn out based on their grades. Some students have a lot of practical skills that bloom later in life that serve them in a multitude of ways, while the Straight As students often lack the skills to fair well in their lives. In short, life is a lot more dynamic then we think it is.