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**Johannes Haushofer,  
*CV of Failures***

1.

Haushofer uses his “CV of Failures” for himself and his students. I believe the CV's contents are a snapshot from Haushofer's mind; it motivates him in his career. He is making the point that “failures are often invisible” - it only dominates the minds of individuals. By publishing his *CV of Failures* he can prove to students that failure is frequent among those who are successful. He wants to dissuade his audience from the “impression that most things work out for me”. Thus motivating them in their own lives to not see failure as an indicator of future failure, but rather a step on the path to success.

2.

The introductory note to Haushofer's piece provides genre and guidance to the reader. It explains the purpose of his CV and realys what he hopes students will takeaway from reading it.

Without the introductory note, I wouldn't be sure of the author's purpose. I could suppose the same purpose, but I would only truly be guessing, for it can serve other

purposes. It could simply be Haushofer reflecting negatively on a career he views as a failure. It could be a rather depressing piece of art that looks into the author's career insecurities. Ultimately, the introductory note allows the piece to be taken with a positive outlook.

## **COMPOSING PROJECT**

Academic Milestones I Did Not Achieve (Failures):

- Summa Cum Laude - William Mason High School(2022)
- University Honors Program - University of Cincinnati

Jobs I Did Not Get

- Veritext Digital Reporter
- TQL Summer Legal Intern
- Rumpke Waste and Recycling Legal Intern
- Katz Teller Legal Assistant

Extracurricular Feats I Did Not Get To

- Varsity Soccer Team - William Mason High School(2021)
- State Finals - Speech and Debate(2018-2022)
- Outstanding Advocate - National University Model Arab League(2025)
- Mock Trial Outstanding Attorney or Witness Award(2022-2025)