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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 relays what he hopes students will take away 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**

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#### *CV of Failures*

#### Academic Milestones I Did Not Achieve:

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

#### Jobs I Did Not Get

- Veritext Digital Reporter
  - Recording Legal Proceedings, Depositions, sells transcripts of depositions
- TQL Summer Legal Intern

- Litigation and Clerk Experience
- Rumpke Waste and Recycling Legal Intern
  - Summer Legal Internship
- Katz Teller Legal Assistant
  - Part-time Clerk Work

#### Extracurricular Feats I Did Not Get To

- Outstanding Advocate - National University Model Arab League(2025)
  - Received Distinguished Advocate (2nd as opposed to 1st)
- Mock Trial Outstanding Attorney or Witness Award(2022-2025)
  - Over a dozen competitions in the span of three years without an award
- State Finals - Speech and Debate(2018-2022)
  - Semi-finalist in Congressional debate
- Varsity Soccer Team - William Mason High School(2021)
  - Never made in 4 years of High School