

The Game of Life

How I Will Be “Lucky” as an Adult Exercise

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As you’ve completed each part of ***The Game of Life*** you’ve learned about:

- the different life crises young people experience after they graduate from high school, and which ones are most preventable;
- the trade-offs adults have to make to live within their means and still have the lifestyle and possessions they want;
- the mysteries of buying car insurance, and how to make sure you have the most affordable insurance premiums that still protect you in the event of a life crisis. (You’ve also downloaded the *Wreck Check* app to protect you in real life if you’re in an accident in the future.).

You have also interacted with a mentor who has tried to help you learn more about how you can be a happy adult with a great career, who lives in a way that is safe, joyous, and successful.

Now it’s time to take what you’ve learned and write an essay entitled:

How I Will Be “Lucky” as an Adult

We put “Lucky” in quotation marks because we don’t really mean lucky – we mean: *“How you will you have a successful adult life by planning ahead and making good decisions.”*

Many of you may know that Jackie Robinson was the first African-American to play Major League Baseball. Jackie Robinson played for the Brooklyn Dodgers. The team president with the Brooklyn Dodgers – Branch Rickey – once said:

“Things worthwhile generally don’t just happen. Luck is a fact, but should not be a factor. Good luck is what is left over after intelligence and effort have combined at their best . . . **Luck is the residue of design.**”

We want you to apply intelligence and effort to make decisions so that you’re a “lucky” adult.

This essay is your “graduation exercise” from ***The Game of Life***. **Good luck!**