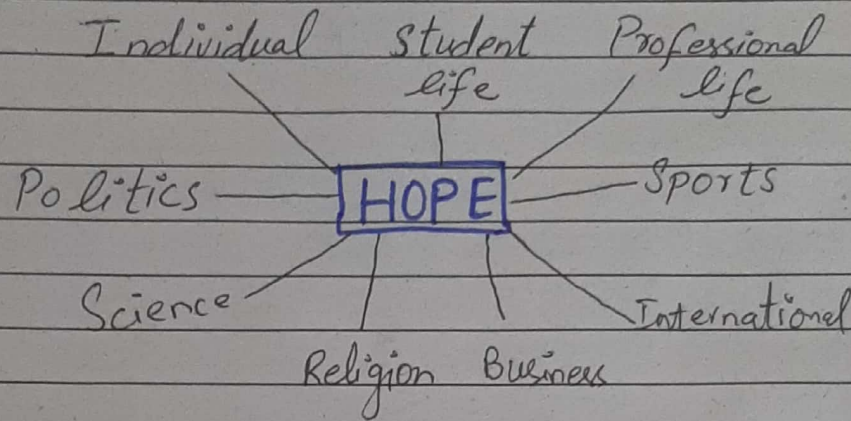


# Hope: the greatest driving force



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# The Essay

Singapore, a small land with no natural resources, at the time of independence was a very weak state. Everyone expects her to ~~be~~ remain an underdeveloped state. However, her leadership and people were not of this view. The leadership hopes much bigger of the country. Also the people hopes something lofty from the leadership. Together their hopes work as a

catalyst for the country to implement such policies that elevate the status of the country. Today's Singapore is one of the richest countries in Asia. The journey from undeveloped to developed state is only carried out by the hope. Hope was the driving force that compell the Singapore to take actions in the right way. Similarly, hope is not only the greatest driving force at the state level but also at personal, professional, political, religious, business, national level. Additionally, the examples from sports, science and west would also be included where hope delivered them out of grave circumstances.

On the individual level, first come the student life of a person. Throughout his/her student life one hopes to secure good grades. So for this purpose many students do hard work. Without hope, hardwork is not possible. Moreover, in competitive exams like CSS and PMS hope is the main catalyst in a student's preparation. The aspirants hope to serve their country in a better way that's why they do hard work and once cleared, they start working on their aim. And not just in competitive exams, also in every exam

hope is the thing that motivates a person to excel. Later in professional life, hope drives a man to believe in himself and do wonders at work. The biggest example is of J.K. Rowling. Her early life was filled with hardships and rejections. She faced financial and personal losses. But she sets her hope high and keep writing. At first her writings got rejected but she never loss her spirit. In the end, J. K. Rowling's perseverance paid off. Her work got published and she becomes inspiration for million of people in the world. Her story clearly demonstrate how hope when tightly held, bring success in life.

Second comes the field of sports in which hope is an important factor that elevates the morale of players and team. Same was happened in 1992 cricket worldcup. The journey of worldcup was not laced with ease. At early stage, Pakistan did not perform well with defeats they got in early matches. The team's performance was not remarkable and fans were left anxious and doubtful about a team advancement in the tournament. However, with the shadows of doubts still hovering upon fans, the Pakistan cricket team emerged as a beacon of Pakistan

of hope and unshattering belief. The captain's great leadership qualities along with team's determination change the course of history. Rather than giving up from initial setbacks, Pakistan team emerged as a resilient and united team and victorious team. Similarly, Arshad Nadeem a Pakistani javelin thrower at Olympic level, despite his elbow injury he became the first South Asian to cross the 90-metre barrier in Birmingham. He secured a gold medal for this achievement. His love for sports stand as a ~~hope~~ silver lining in the cloud. These stories are exemplary of resilience and determination of human spirit and a reminder that every night has a day.

Third comes the field of politics where stories of individuals become inspiration for the world. Their courage and perseverance show the world that everything is possible in the world. Throughout the history many great leaders were born. Their unwavering struggle for their nations ~~is~~ is impeccable. They were beacon of hope for their nation. The notable names in this regard are of Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Lee Kuan Yew with many others. They both prove everything is possible if there

is hope. The muslims in Sub-continent after seeing many years of glory was doomed to marginalization. The Hindu majority did not treat the muslim minority rightfully. They were deprived of their political rights. Also basic human rights were also not given to them. Muslims were in need of a strong leadership. Muhammad Ali Jinnah become their hope. He fought for them with Hindus and Britishers. Jinnah's Muslim League won only few seats in the election of 1937. Due to his resilience, Muslim League later become the <sup>2nd</sup> largest political party in the sub-continent. Similarly, Lee Kuan Yew's, the 1<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister of Singapore, leadership transforms the country from a chaotic British colonial backwater into one of the world's most prosperous country. They show that sometime adversary also fuel growth.

"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." - J. K. Rowling

Fourth comes the field of science. Science is all about experiments and with experiments come failure. If scientists will remain stuck on failures, then no inventions would be made. It is hope that make them continue.

on the journey despite failures. In 1943, a massive computing machine commissioned by the US Army that was used to calculate ballistic missile trajectories during WWII. This machine was called Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer. This program includes six women. The ENIAC is considered as a pioneer of modern day computer. They were not even recognized for their contributions. They were called models who posed in front of machines rather than programmers. But now their work is recognized and world know about them. Similarly, the story of Thomas Edison from being considered mentally deficient to the world greatest inventor is remarkable. He was expelled from school due to his mental health and homeschooled by his mother. Later he became the founder of telegraph, light bulb, photograph, movie camera and alkaline storage battery. This was his mother's hope and determination that made him a scientist. The lessons these stories prevail is that even in bleakest circumstances, there exist a glimmer of hope.

"Everything that is done in this world is done by hope" - Martin Luther King

Fifth comes the religion where different Prophets give us lessons of courage



and hope even when things were not in their favour. They show the world with hope one can do wonders.

In Islamic literature stories of many prophets like Prophet Joseph and Prophet Moses demonstrate how important is hope in one's life.

Prophet Joseph's life was full of hardships and betrayal. He was first thrown into well by his brothers then he faced the charge of harassment by his mother's wife. And he was put in prison for no reason. Many years in prison did not shaken his believe and he stay hopeful.

After many years of yearning for his father he unite with his father. At the start, he entered Egypt as a slave but in the end, he return to Egypt as a nobleman.

In addition, Prophet Moses tightly held the hope in adverse time. When He was pursued by Pharaoh's army, He didnot know where to go he choose a path to make his journey.

He was hopeful that Allah will do something to protect him. There He found home for himself. Also when Pharaoh ordered Moses to show some miracles, He ~~was~~ had done them without hesitation because he had hope that his Allah never left him alone. These anecdotes of Prophets make visible the power of hope.

"And do not lose hope in the mercy of Allah, for no one loses hope in Allah's mercy except those with no faith" (Al-Quran)

Sixth comes the business arena. In business arena hope and luck goes side by side. Business run mainly by luck and determination. One put all his efforts in his business and hope for the best outcomes. Struggles in business field is a compulsory. Today we can see the big companies thriving but there is a lot of struggles by their owner in it. The examples include Elon Musk and Bill Gates. Elon Musk's struggle was not only in his business but also in his personal life. During his childhood he suffered from the divorce of his parents and abusive father. Later he was bullied in school. Then he dealt with the sudden death of his 1st born and multiple divorce. But he did not waste his energies in mourning instead focused all his attention on his businesses. Not just that he was ousted as CEO of his own company Zipcar and Paypal, ~~according to his~~ Despite the failures, now he is a billionaire with net worth of 14.8 billion dollars. Moreover, the story of Bill Gates is also filled with failures and struggles. Microsoft, the Bill Gates's company took wrong decision by investing

in Apple company to save it from bankruptcy. Now the Apple has higher market share than Microsoft. However, the struggles were turned into success by his right decisions and hope. Now he is billionaire. These real life stories is inspiration for the world that even in the bleakest circumstances, there exists a glimmer of hope.

Till now this essay shed light on the struggles and resilience of individuals from individual, student, professional, political, sports, science, religion and business aspect. However, now essay will prove how hope can able the nations to see light despite all of the darkness. This essay would present the struggles of the nation from the west and East.

Firstly comes the examples from the western nations that stood strong in hard times. They did not lose hope in difficulties. Their resilience make a great power now. The nations like Germany, Britain and USA. <sup>In</sup> After World War II, Germany had a very bad defeat. After war Germany was in ruins but now it is one of the major economic powers. The country's infrastructure were destroyed. The entire cities were bombed. The population were dropped. In short, the

future for Germany was bleak. However, Germany with her right economic policies gain the momentum toward success. German government introduced economic reforms such as currency reform and Social Free Market. They establish the ground for stability and growth. Similarly, Britain was also devastated by the end of WWII. But with right policies like nationalization, taking control of key industries such as coal, steel and transportation, they flourish. Now they are one of the economic might. Moreover, USA now a Superpower, once a colony of Britain, Spain and France. America gained independence in 1776 from Britain. With industrialization, advancement in technology and communication aid to its success. The success stories of these nations draws a very clear picture that if there is hope, there is a way.

"In the time of darkest defeat, victory may be nearest." - William McKinley

Beside the success of western nations, the eastern nations also turn their fate by determination and hope. The efforts of Japan, Pakistan are great examples in this context. Japan underwent the destruction caused by atomic bombs. However, Japan turned this tragedy into success. Japan took right initiatives

regarding the advancement. She has done electronic, automotive manufacturing and robotics advancement. This make Japan a technological hub. Now Japan is the greatest exporter of high-tech, in the world. The hardwork Japanese did was worth appreciating. In the same way, Pakistan at the time of independence was deprived of her rightly share. But Pakistan with such less resources manage to establish. Also Pakistan did not lose hope even in wars with India. The wars of 1947, 1965, 1971 and 2001 were the darkest time but she fought and handle the situation courageously and with hope. She also faces economic drop down but yet the resilient nation cope with it. The real struggle these nations do clearly show that hope is the greatest driving force.

"Failure is a word unknown to me" - Quaid-e-Azam.

To conclude the essay, we can say that hope is not only needed by individuals but also nations need it. The stories of different individuals in different professions confirm that hope compel them to change their fate. Different nations of the world make history with their journey. Their remarkable fervor can be seen by the world. These nations

change their destiny. Without hope one is not able to revive itself. Only those nations and individuals earn respect and recognition which focus on hope. This is evident from their stories. Just like the Singapore who did a remarkable advancement. This happened because they did not lose hope in their leaders and themselves. They see their potential and change the fate of their country. Similarly Nelson Mandela fought to end apartheid and advocate for human right. His journey was filled with hardships. He was sentenced to prison for 27 years. But he did not stop his struggle and succeed at last. This is a prove that hope always change the destiny of nation and individual.

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness" -  
Desmond Tutu.