

When life throws you lemons,
Make Lemonade / Every dark cloud
has a silver lining in it.

Brainstorming

Politics

- Nelson Mandela
- Quaid-e-Azam
- Abraham Lincoln
- Rosa Parks

Business

- Elon Musk
- Alibaba / Jack Ma
- Mark Zuckerberg
- Jeff Bezos

Science

- Wright Brothers
- Galileo
- Marie Curie

Religion

- Hazrat Yaqub & Hazrat Yousaf story
- Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H)
- Imam Hussain (A.S.)

Western Nations

- Germany
- Britain
- France

Eastern Nations

- Japan
- Malaysia
- Pakistan
- Turkey
- Iran

Outline

I. Introduction

a) Meaning of the title: when life throws you lemon, make lemonade.

The proverb means that never lose hope and continue struggle even in worst situations.

b) Thesis:

The life stories of individuals and nations manifest this reality.

II. Main body

a) when life throws lemon, make lemonade and individuals

1. Struggle in Political arena:

i - Quaid-e-Azam

ii - Nelson Mandela

iii - Rosa Parks

iv - Abraham Lincoln.

2. Struggles in Business world

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b) When life throws you
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III. Conclusion :

The Essay

The United States of America, NATO and some other international forces intervened in Afghanistan in 2001 and toppled the Taliban government. The USA and its allies were having modern war technologies, highly trained troops and enormous financial support.

Despite lack of resources, the Afghan Taliban didn't lose hope and continued resistance for a long time of 2 decades.

America, inspite of his powers, failed to contain Taliban.

Eventually, after spending billions of dollar and giving lives of its thousands of troops, USA was compelled to exit Afghanistan and handover the Afghanistan government to Taliban. The spirit of Taliban was high during

the war. Hope is necessary to keep the spirits high otherwise an individual or a nation would fall before having a chance to rise. Therefore, this essay would prove the veracity of the statement that when life throws you lemons, make lemonade by the examples of individuals from politics, business, science, religion, and religion. Furthermore, the examples of those nations from the west, east and Africa would also be included where hope delivered them out of grave circumstances.

On the individual level, first comes the personalities from the political arena. In the annal of history, the resilience and unwavering optimism of political

giants like Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Abraham Lincoln stands as a beacon of light. Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah started his ^{political} career in 1905. Hindus, time and again, put obstacles in the way Jinnah, but Jinnah stood steadfast and kept raising his voice for the rights of Muslims in sub-continent. Jinnah answered every political reform by Hindus for united India, with a sensible political move that there is no other way but to establish a separate homeland for Muslims of India. Undoubtedly, it is the efforts of Quaid-i-Azam that we got Pakistan. Furthermore, Nelson Mandela is the man who outrightly proved that hope and persistence are pre-requisite

of Success. Mandela was a great supporter of anti-apartheid legislation and demanded equal political rights for Blacks. Due to his activities against apartheid political system, he was sentenced to life imprisonment, but he didn't lose hope. After spending 27 years in prison, he emerged as most favorite political leader in South Africa, and then become the president of South Africa in 1994. Due to his efforts for human rights, particularly for Blacks, he was awarded the Noble Peace Prize for in 1993. In addition to these two men, the lady Rosa Parks is another embodiment of hope and persistence. Rosa Parks was a Black woman, she stood against the racial injustice by refusing to give her bus seat to a white man.

She was even sent to jail for this act, but she remained resolute demanding equal civil rights for Blacks. This incident was followed by 381 days of bus strike after which the court abolished the seat segregation in buses on the basis of color or race. She is the role model of courage in the face of social injustice on basis of color. The last example in the political arena is Abraham Lincoln. He was a Black, motivated to end slavery. He lost elections 8 times and after a long struggle of 3 decades he became the 16th president of US. He ended civil and slavery, he even got assassinated, but didn't back down from his stance. These all examples from political sector give the world a motivation that there is a hope

even in worst situations.

After the political arena, then comes the individuals from business world. The success story of business tycoons like Jack Ma, Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg are embodiments of perseverance and determination. The story of Jack Ma is a great motivation for young entrepreneurs and businessmen. Jack Ma failed his college entrance exam twice. He applied to Harvard Business school ten times consecutively, ended up being rejected every time. After his graduation, he applied for 30 different jobs, but all in vain. Ma applied for a job at McDonald's along with 23 other people, only Ma was rejected out of them. He was twice failed in

internet business industry, but in his third time, Ma eventually achieved success with 'Alibaba'.

Alibaba is now among the top 10 online shopping platform in the world with a net worth of \$ 200 billion. Beside Ma, Elon

Musk is another inspirational figure. With hard work and tenacity, Musk made very successful companies like Paypal, Neuralink, Starlink, Tesla, SpaceX and many more. SpaceX is a rocket manufacturing company. The rocket company failed its first 3 rockets. SpaceX launches ended with explosion of rocket in its first 3 attempts.

The company and Musk was at the verge of default, but Musk didn't lose hope and made a successful rocket launch in its fourth attempt. Now, Elon

Musk is the richest person of the world. After Mg and Musk, Mark Zuckerberg proved that "with hardship come ease". He was just 19 when he launched Facebook.

He willingly dropped out of the college to give full to Facebook. Now Facebook is world leading social media platform. These men testified the proverb that 'when life throws you lemon, make lemonade' by their dedication and steadfastness in the worst situations.

After the political and business sector, the individuals from scientific world are the symbol of gallantry in harsh situations. Wright brothers didn't receive a high school diploma or attend college. Both brothers worked in a printing press to make their living.

They both self-studied the aerodynamics of bird's wings that helped them to design their own aeroplane. Wright brothers, after years of hardship, built their airplane which successfully made the world's first powered flight that lasted for 12 seconds. Wright brothers are credited with inventing world's first successful airplane. Beside Wright brothers, Galileo is the motivation for world. Galileo, alias father of modern sciences made great discoveries in the field of physics and astronomy.

He was the champion of 'heliocentrism'. Galileo outrightly supported the idea that sun is motionless in the center of solar system and planets revolve around it. At that times, heliocentrism was

Considered contradictory to bible and Catholic priests charged Galileo with blasphemy. He was sentenced to 9 years house arrest.

Even under arrest, Galileo wrote and published a book "Two New Sciences" which opened the ways for the upcoming scientists. Moreover, Marie Curie is the woman who showed the world that every hurdle could be tackled with perseverance.

The lady was born in Poland. She wanted to join university, but women were not allowed to attain university, she didn't lose hope and joined a free university that was an underground educational enterprise.

Marie wanted to study in a university of Paris, France, but due to financial constraints she was not able to. She found out a way; she sent her sister to that university

while she stayed in Poland. She used to send money for sister while tutoring the students in Poland.

After 6 years, her sister became doctor and called Marie to

Paris where she enrolled herself in the university. She worked in

the laboratory and discovered

Radioactivity. She won 'Noble Prize' two times in two different fields.

She was also the first woman to win a Noble Prize.

The stories of Wright Brothers, Galileo and Marie Curie are the

testimony of the proverb that

when life throws you lemons,

make lemonade. These people

gave the motivation not to lose hope even in worst situations.

On the individual stage, the last comes the notable religious figures such as Hazrat Yaqoob (A.S.), Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) and Imam Hussain (A.S.). Hazrat Yaqoob (A.S.) lost his son Hazrat Yusuf (A.S.), he didn't lose hope and waited for return of his son for 40 years. Hazrat Yusuf (A.S.) was the next prophet after Hazrat Yaqoob (A.S.). When Hazrat Yaqoob (A.S.) lost his son, he remained determined and prayed before Allah. After long perseverance of 40 year, he met with his son. Additionally, the story of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) is the best example of persistent in the world. Despite all difficulties and obstacles caused by infidels, he continued to preach Islam and spread the message of Allah. It is due to the efforts

of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) that today, Islam is spread all over the world. In addition to Hazrat Yaqoob (A.S.) and Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H.), the patience and steadfastness of Imam Hussain (A.S.) is acknowledge by all the religions of the world. Imam Hussain (A.S.) denied the governance of Yazeed, stood firm on the principles of Islam and even sacrificed his life but didn't accepted the unlawful and illegal governance of Yazeed. The anecdote of all these religious figures give us the strength to bear all the problems, pains and hassles of life. ! If a person gave up, then there will be no chance of rising therefore the proverb 'when life throws lemon, make lemonade' is

proved by all the above mentioned notable figures.

So far, this essay discussed the perseverance on individual level.

Now this essay would shed light on the nations that proved the proverb 'when life throws lemons, make lemonade'.

As a nation, the western states manifest that there is no power that can restrict the prosperity of a nation except the nation itself.

Germany is the nation that paved its way towards success from almost nothing. Germany lost the world war I in 1918. The then war-torn country, developed itself to such a position, that it initiated the world war II in 1939. In a short period

of 20 years, from 1919 to 1939,
Germany made itself a great
power to fight against allied
forces in World War I.

Germany, once again, lost the
World War II in 1945. After
World War II, Germany was
left with nothing except the
demolished buildings. Even after
World War II, Germany continued
to work hard and now Germany
is, once again, amongst the
top-notch countries of the
world. As a nation, Germany
showed beyond doubt that it's
a rough road that leads to
the height of greatness. It is
~~the~~ a lesson for the world that
there is always a silver lining
in dark ~~clouds~~ clouds. There is
always a way out of worst situation
but hope and perseverance is must.

Coming towards eastern nations, Japan is the country that told the world that the destiny of a nation is dependent on nothing except itself. US dropped two atom bombs on 2 cities of Japan in 1945. The whole cities of Japan was turned to ashes. Japan was completely devastated. Despite all these, Japanese didn't lose hope and keep working hard. Today, Japan is among the top economies of the world. In the same way, Turkey (former Ottoman Empire) lost the World War I in 1919 and got disintegrated. Many areas of Turkey was taken over by allied forces. But now, Turkey is a developed and prosperous state. It's all due to tireless

efforts of Turkish People.

IF all these nations can rise from ashes, then there is also a great hope for Pakistan that Inshallah Pakistan will also come out of economic instability, political instability, terrorism and all other issues. With determination and perseverance, the Pakistani nation can tackle all the problems and hurdles and make Pakistan a well-heeled country.

To conclude, the proverb 'when life throws lemon, make lemonade' means to be hopeful, persistent in every kind of situation and keep struggling. The first portion of essay discussed the individual

from political arena, business world, scientific sector and religion. The essay proved that there is always a silver lining in dark cloud which means hope is always there even in grave circumstances. The individuals from above mentioned sectors proved it with their determination and hard work. The second portion of essay shed light on success stories of Germany, Japan, and Turkey.

These nations rose from ashes to great power. Likewise there is a hope for Pakistan that one day Pakistan will be among core countries of the world.

All in all, hope is necessary to overcome the difficult times.