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Writing Sample
High School GR ____
SCORE:

Making Mistakes

Read the writing prompt below and complete the writing activity.

Mary Pickford, a film actress from the early 1900's, once said,
"If you have made mistakes . . . there is always another chance for you . . . you may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing we call "failure" is not the falling down, but the staying down."

Do you agree or disagree with this quotation?

Write an essay that explains your beliefs about the quotation. Support your viewpoint with examples and reasons based on your own experiences, observations, and/or readings.

Be sure to:

- plan your writing before you begin.
- include an introduction, a body, and a strong conclusion.
- focus on the following ideas:
 - your viewpoint regarding the quotation
 - reasons
- include exceptional supporting details.

Your writing will not be scored on your personal opinions. It will be scored objectively on:

- *how clearly you address the prompt*
- *how well you organize your ideas*
- *how effectively you express yourself*
- *how consistently you use correct paragraphing, grammar, spelling, and punctuation.*

Be sure to use the Standard Rules of English, which do not include slang or jargon.