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Classifying College Students

College is a time when most people find out who they truly are. Unlike high-school, college allows students to have more freedom and choice in what they do. No more suffering from the senior gym class you are required to take or the cafeteria meals that they call “food” in high-school. Although, with the freedom of being a college student, comes responsibility. In high-school, you are pushed more to do your work, attend class, and stay out of trouble. There are many consequences for not following the rules. You are also reminded of assignments more often and given more help. However, in college, you are responsible for yourself and your own future. Your parents or favorite high-school teachers are not there to remind you about every single task or cut you slack for not being prepared. This results in college students being classified as successful and responsible or unsuccessful and irresponsible.

From the first day of class, you can usually tell if somebody is serious about their work. They do not need constant reassurance on what to do. These would be the students that will more than likely become successful. They come to class prepared and ready every day. These are the students that everyone asks for paper or a pencil because they always have the materials needed for school. These students also tend to make better grades than their overall class. They have the drive to study and focus on their academics in their free time and manage their time wisely to ensure everything they need gets done. Instead of partying every night, responsible students make sure that their schoolwork is complete before participating in anything that is not school related. Successful students still have good times, but they put the most important thing first, which is their education. They look further into their futures as well. Successful students have a plan as to what they want to do for the rest of their life. They know what career they want to pursue and take the classes they need for their intended major. It is important to be responsible in school, so that you have a higher chance to become successful.

To other people, college is thought to be one big party. When they go off to college, students do not live under their parent's roof anymore, so they have no “stupid” rules to guide them. They no longer have those constant reminders to make sure they are doing the right thing, as they had in high-school. They come to class unprepared majority of the time and often forget about due dates and exam days. These are the type of people who ask around for a pencil and paper because they are too irresponsible to be prepared for class. Being irresponsible reflects on a student's grades as well. The less responsible somebody is, the poorer grades they receive. If someone is not responsible enough to remember to study for a test, chances are they will be unsuccessful in the real world. These students also have poor time management and procrastinate on every assignment. They wait until the last second to complete a task, and that is even if they decide to do it. Irresponsible students are typically uncertain of their futures and what they need to do to become successful after college. Unsuccessful students are the people that go out partying every chance they get. It does not matter to them if they have a test in the morning or an essay due that night, to unsuccessful students, a good time is more important than their education.

College is overall a great experience and something that everyone should enjoy. With the freedom of college, it is the student’s responsibility to determine their own future. The most successful students are the type to be prepared, make good grades, and take the class seriously. The people who are never prepared, make bad grades, and party their lives away, are quite probable to be unsuccessful and unsatisfied with the life they live.