WORD: DETERMINATION

Thesis: Determination is needed to get through any tough situation, but if in excess can become dangerous.

1. Introduction

* Determination is a requirement to succeed.
* Discuss how achievements by others (Inventions, conquers, and discoveries) shape how we live our life today.
* State thesis.

1. Defining determination

* Dictionary definition (Merriam-Webster)
* Thesaurus (Oxford Dictionaries)
* Compare and contrast the two ways of defining determination.

1. “Good Side” of determination

* Myth: “Polyphemus” – helps you fight through tough times.
* Movie: “Race” – Succeeding over obstacles.
* Interview: “Lind” – Determination allows you to become what you always desired to be.

1. Determination causes obsession

* Shakespeare: “Julius Caesar” – blinded by determination with complete disregard to life.
* Interview: “Holden” – Left out of everyday life.
* Bible: “Isaiah” – emotions can blind your goals causing you to be obsessed.

1. Lack of determination

* Poem: “Keep A-Goin!” – If you let things stand in your way, you’re going to fail.
* Quote: “Determination” – You either succeed or fail, you must choose whether you are going to fight or not.

1. “A happy medium”

* Article: “Everest” – Knowing when you have reached your limit.
* Interview: “Holden” – Discipline is key in finding this happy medium.
* There’s a fine line between obsession and determination.

VII. Conclusion

* The line between determination and obsession is a thin one.
* “Tell me I can’t and I will” – Usain Bolt
* How will determination shape the way you live your life?
* How will obsession shape your life?