## PERSEVERANCE

(per-seh-VEER-ents)

Please read through this worksheet as a family and then talk about what perseverance means to you and your family.

Perseverance (n.) - steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

Synonyms: persistence, determination, steadfastness, tenacity, dedication, commitment, diligence, stamina, endurance

Perseverance means not giving up. It means being dilligent and always putting in the effort required to accomplish something you really want. It means you keep going even when it is hard or you don't feel motivated at the time.

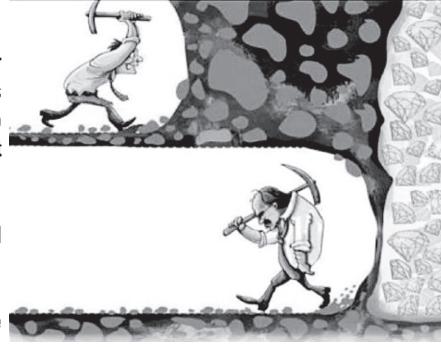
Perseverance is a quality ALL Black Sashes have. No one ever earned a Black Sash without going through hard times or times when they felt discouraged, unmotivated, or lazy. Successful people know that there are going to be good times and bad times along their journey. When a hard time comes, they push through, knowing that it will be worth every effort they put in. They never quit.

Consider what has happened in this picture.

There are two men that are digging for diamonds. One man has given up. He has become discouraged and tired and decided to quit digging, unaware that that he was just INCHES from hitting the jackpot.

The man on top still has a smile on his face, and he is not very far from reaching his goal...

How would you feel if you had quit right before finding the diamonds?



Would you wish you had shown perseverance?

Name:
PERSEVERANCE ASSIGNMENT #1 Complete the assignment to earn 1 homework stripe on your belt.
Research or interview someone who displayed perseverance, and never gave up on their goal even though it was very difficult to continue. This can be a person from a history book, someone older that you look up to, or even a fictional character from a story. Note: It can't be yourself.  Use this paper and extra paper if you need more space.
What is their name and how do you know about them?
What was their goal?
What challenges did they overcome?
What did they gain from persevering to the end?

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