**Challenges With Chocolate**

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Have you ever gotten a bad grade on a test, or tried to make something, and failed? Or maybe you lost somebody close to you? How did these things make you feel? Milton Hershey basically did the same thing, he failed, but Milton persevered, to become one of the best candy makers in the world. Milton Hershey showed grit. Hershey didn’t succeed at first. He faced challenges, such as; he didn’t get a good education, he failed at making candy, and he was stopped by sad things.

First, Milton Hershey didn’t get a very good education. He dropped out of school when he was just twelve years old, which was right after fourth grade. He didn’t go to high school or even college. Milton could only read and write as well as a fourth grader, but his mom, Fanny, said that was good enough and that Milton had to get a real and paying job. He dropped out when his sister was sick. Milton, like any good child, listened to his mother and didn’t go to school again. But, he did over come this challenge, he built his very own town and he created one of the most successful chocolate companies in the world. Overcoming challenges was a wonderful achievement for Milton. This challenge could have stopped him from succeeding because, if he did have a good education he would have be as smart as others and he might have been passed up for jobs. If Milton completed school, he may have been a better business man and maybe he would have succeeded earlier in his life, when he was 19, which would lead to chocolate in America for a longer amount of time.

In addition, Milton Hershey failed at making candy and chocolate. For example, Milton opened a candy store when he was only 19 years old, and he drew people in with the sweet smell of candy cooking and boiling sugar. Although Milton could make good candy, he was a bad business man. So Milton had to close his very successful candy shop that had delicious candy. Later, when Milton was with his father in Colorado, he got a job at another candy store, which sold sweet and creamy, caramel. Once again, Milton opened his very own candy shop. Milton opened this shop in, the one, the only, New York City. But, once again Milton Hershey had to close his candy shop, which some blame on his father. Milton's dad told him to make cough drops, but the machine to make the shape of the syrup in to little droplets, was very expensive, and cost Mr.Milton Hershey his business, but he didn’t give up, because it was Milton Hershey, and in a way we all know that he doesn’t give up. (Hint- Hershey Chocolate bar)

To finalize, Milton Hershey had some very upsetting things, that could have stopped him from reaching his goal. For example, Milton lost his sister when she was only about five years old. This puts grief on Milton and his family. Also, later in Milton's life, when he was trying to run a candy store and while it was open, he got sick and spent a month in bed trying to recover. Thank goodness he did, but sadly, his company did not. He had to close his store. Also, in the early 1900's, Milton and his wife succeeded, they built The Hershey Chocolate Company. His wife's name was Catherine 'Kitty' Sweeney. People called Milton's wife Kitty for short and sadly, Kitty died only about 15 years after Milton successfully created chocolate and opened a very, very successful company. It was only 17 years after their marriage. Milton named the Kit Kat after Kitty. This shows that he really does care about her, or did care about her. In 1900, Milton's mother died, and in 1904 Milton's father died. Milton had basically nobody to support him or be with him for the rest of his life, and maybe, if this had happened before his success, Milton may have and could have stopped his business because, he may have been so upset and depressed, that he would want to stop the production, but Milton wouldn’t do that because, he was succeeding so much, and he was making millions happy, and maybe he didn't want to make anyone as upset as he was. Milton Hershey succeeded when he was about 43 years old and he died when he was about 88 years old, on October 13, 1945. Losing these people was very hard for Milton, I mean, it is for anybody, right? But with these his families support, his company and town, still runs, and is still open to the public. Milton Hershey can even be a hero for some others. The one good thing about this is, he lost his family after he succeeded, because I bet, that if they died before he succeeded, The Hershey Company may not have existed, ever. Can you imagine a world with out Hershey's chocolate? It would be horrible in my opinion. Do you agree with me?

In conclusion, Milton Hershey faced many challenges, such as a bad education, failure, and many sad things, but Milton kept on trying, and he did it, he made his dream come true. Milton faced so many challenges, but that didn’t stop him, he showed lot's and lot's of grit. Milton Hershey did a great thing for America, he brought us the very delicious, very famous, Hershey Chocolate bar, which millions of people enjoy everyday. The Hershey bar wouldn’t have been invented without Milton, he makes so many people happy every single day because he showed grit and he didn’t give up. Milton could have given up the first time he failed, but he didn’t, he showed grit and he persevered, so as you can see, Milton Hershey did face challenges, and I believe that each and every time Milton failed, in the future, he would make sure two people would succeed, because, Milton Hershey, is one of the most famous people in the world, for inventing The Hershey Bar, and Hershey, PA. Today, Milton still makes millions happy, in 2016, by not giving up, and believing in himself. Everybody can do that. Everybody can believe in themselves, and do a very simple thing, which is called not giving up.