Nothing in the world can take the place of **persistence**. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a **proverb**. Education will not; the world is full of educated **derelicts**. Persistence and determination alone are **omnipotent**.

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| **Word and definition** | **Tier 1 synonym**  **(kindergarten level)** | **Tier 2 synonym**  **(middle school level)** | **Tier 3 synonym**  **(smarty pants level, rock it!)** |
| **Persistence: the act or fact of continually stating or doing something, aka never giving up** |  |  |  |
| **Proverb: a short popular saying, for example OMG or YOLO** |  |  |  |
| **Derelicts: neglectful of duties or responsibility, to neglect ones responsibilities.** |  |  |  |
| **Omnipotent: almighty, or infinite in power** |  |  |  |