

Direction

March's theme is Direction. Turning Winds' definition is: the ability to lead through the process of correct decision making. We are all faced with decisions every day. We must have a direction in life in order to make correct decisions. In Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* Alice is forced to make a decision in which direction to go:

Alice came to the fork in the road.
"Which road do I take?" she asked.
"Where do you want to go?" responded the Cheshire cat.
"I don't know," Alice answered.
"Then," said the cat, "it doesn't matter."

We must have a direction in life or we will be stagnant. We must make correct decisions to keep us on the life's right path.



"Which way am I going?"

*Which way am I going?
Where have I been?
These questions appear
And the answers never end.
Point me in the direction that is right for me,
For I want to be happy by living successfully
In life we rise and we fall
We need direction to get through it all.
So take my advice, for it is valuable,
Direction is the key to survival.*

-Mindy, Jenna, Rhyannon, Kim

Top Ten Best Things You Do at Turning Winds

10. Arriving at Turning Winds
9. Dessert every Sunday
8. Game PC
7. Struggles/growing
6. Gender specifics
5. Friendships you make here
4. Receiving letters
3. Going on TREC
2. Phone calls with parents
1. Graduating / reuniting with your family

-Mindy, Brandy, Rachel, and Rhyannon



The Scarlet Pimpernel

It is 1792 and during the French Revolution, the bloodiest revolution ever to occur. Aristocrats are sent hourly every day to the guillotine. Only a mysterious figure known as the Scarlet Pimpernel can free those with aristocracy in their blood.

This moving and fun book is filled with excitement. Published by Signet Classics and written by Baroness Orczy, this book may be one of my favorite historical-fiction classics. It is filled with graceful yet witty characters and I am thankful to have had this book available for me to read.

This book is interesting and dramatic

because of the way the words are placed and it gives great detail as to the French history. I also agree with the author's opinions. People should not be killed for who they are born as. Should one be killed for their status, opinions, religion? Besides, there are other ways to punish those who do wrong.

Overall the only hope for these aristocrats is the Scarlet Pimpernel. He stands for justice and fairness. Although blood will be spilt, there is still one to stand against the cruel Republic.

-Drew



“What lies ahead?”

*In life there are many ways to go
Some you should say yes to, and some you
should say no
Life is good, life is great
Without direction, you will have a bad fate
You should never dread
What lies ahead
For without correct decision making
Come the fruits of life for the talking
Planning for the best
Can compete with all the rest
For with direction comes success*

-Thomas, Cody

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Not five months ago I looked at an unplanned life with no direction as a life of freedom. I thought the absence of responsibilities meant I could do anything I

wished. In the past months however, I found that I was wrong.

In my eyes, direction is a synonym of freedom. Without a plan you are but a slave to the unpredictable destiny the world creates for you, and have no say or control over the way you live. Through goal setting and planning ahead you can direct your own fate and create a life of your choosing.

My previous plan, or should I say absence of a plan, was little more than to be a vagrant bum. I thought I could travel the world with nothing but a bike. I planned on stealing what I needed and had no dreams but to escape society. Little did I know that my life would have been a disaster. I would have ended up starving in the wild or in jail, and yet I was too arrogant to see this. Now, thanks to my parents love, the support of Turning Winds, and my newly developed drive, I am successfully progressing through life, and with my newly developed plan, can travel the world in comfort.



I have recently graduated with a GED, and yet it is but one step in the long staircase to success. Now that I have direction my aspirations are endless. Since I was young I've had an interest in animals, and because I have straightened out my life I can put that interest to use. I plan on going to college and graduating the top of my class with a Master's degree in Zoology.

Through goal setting and planning I have mapped out my life the way I want it to be. I have found the direction I want and the freedom I need, finally making my future look promising.

- David—2007 Valedictorian