



Pickett's Charge: Hindsight is 20/20

Name _____

The saying "*hindsight is 20/20*" means that after something happens, it's easy to see what the best decision would have been. During the Battle of Gettysburg, Confederate General Robert E. Lee ignored the advice of General James Longstreet, who warned him not to order a frontal assault on the Union position. Lee proceeded with the infamous Pickett's Charge — a risky decision that ended in devastating Confederate losses. Looking back, historians agree Longstreet was right, and that Lee's choice was a major mistake.

Your Task:

Think of a time when you or someone else made a decision that didn't turn out well — even though there was advice or warning not to do it.

- What was the situation?
- Who gave the warning?
- What happened?
- Looking back, what would you or they do differently?

If you can't think of a personal example, choose a character from a movie, book, video game, or sports history who ignored advice and faced consequences.

Write a detailed reflection on the situation, using the idea of *hindsight is 20/20* to guide your thoughts.

