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Brent, a normal teenager, has just moved once again to another state. He wants to fit in at his new school, learning all the new trends and customs. Brent goes to a party, where he doesn't dress like it said to in the invitation. The people there aren't too nice, along with that he gets a buzz from liquor. Brent leaves in a fit of rage without his friend. He thinks about suicide while in the car and as he slowly drifts into another car, he kills another person instead of himself.

Brent's first negative action was that he throws a temper tantrum at the party. If anything, this is absolutely what crushed his popularity. Second thing is how he drove home drunk. This is positively his worst idea yet, not even thinking about how this may be harmful, not only to him but to others. Sadly, his drunkenness leads to another's death, Lea.

I can see some positive aspects of this story, like how Brent's whirligigs helped people and how Brent got to see life from a different perspective. This journey really showed him not to dwell on the past but look to brighter days. Maybe we all should use this philosophy. Brent from now on will probably make better decision from in his past years. Brent now understands what life is really about. Sure, he will make some bad decisions, but don't we all? It's only human to make mistakes; it's how we fix them that matters. From now on I think Brent will think twice.

I have learned that life has big problems. In the end, there are still mysteries we hadn't even realized. What really matters is how we go about solving them. Some are easy, like where you left your keys or how to write an essay. Some are life-changing events, that will leave you still wondering. If we all leave the past as is and look

to the future, we may have more sunny days than dull. Maybe we could all use a whirligig in life to point the way.