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Chapter 3: Making Decisions—Read, Discuss, and Analyze Activity

College Goal

READ the case study

When Alicia Adams was in the third grade, her father died. Her mother works to support Alicia and her younger brother and sister. Mrs. Adams makes just enough to support the family. Alicia is now in the eighth grade. She wants to go to college when she graduates from high school. She knows that her mother will not be able to afford college tuition. Alicia decides to make a plan to reach her goal.

DISCUSS this question in class:

What short-term goals will Alicia have to meet to reach her long-term goal?

ANALYZE the following statements about the case study to decide which are true and which are false.

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| T | F | Alicia should ask her mother to change jobs or work an additional job. |
| T | F | Alicia is wasting her time believing that she can ever achieve the goal of going to college. |
| T | F | Alicia should visit with her school guidance counselor to help her with her plan. |
| T | F | Alicia may have to make tradeoffs such as using the money she wants to spend on a new purse or going to the movies to save for college. |