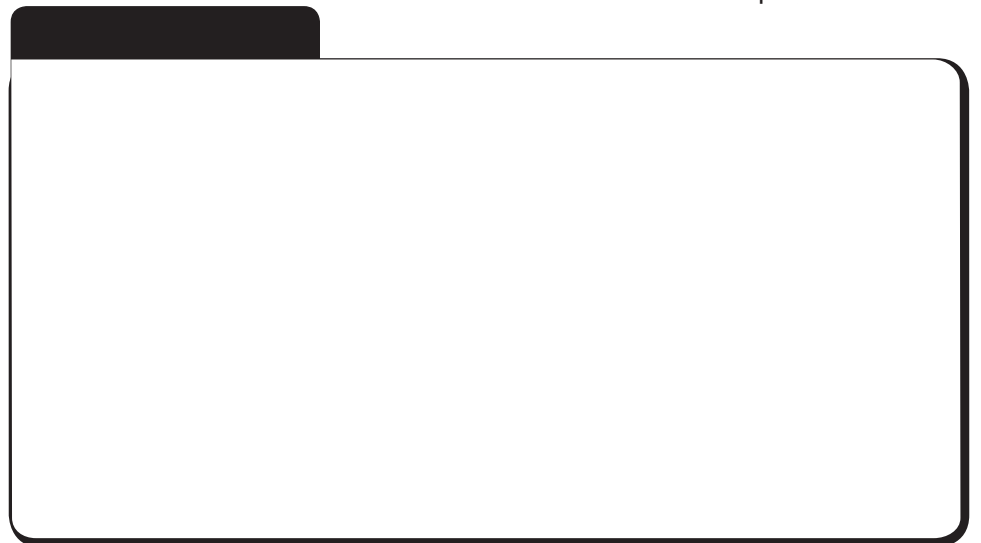




Short
Stops

Tweens: A shifting relationship

the watershed cleanup?"



Hooked on a book

Reading for pleasure will build your tween's background knowledge and vocabulary. Inspire her to read more with these ideas.

Make reading a priority. When your family sits around in the evening, have each person read silently instead of watching TV. Visit the library regularly so you always have books in your home. Talk to your child about what you're reading, and ask about her book.

Q & A

Think first

My son sometimes makes decisions without thinking them through. How can I teach him not to make impulsive decisions?



Make the most of conferences

Use fall parent-teacher conferences to touch base with teachers early in the year and share information to support your middle grader's learning. Consider these tips:

Get your child's input. Ask if there's anything specific he'd like you to bring up. He may want a teacher to know he feels hesitant about raising his hand in class, for instance.

Ask about your tween's strengths as well as areas where he could improve. Maybe you'll find out that he loves helping other students but needs to manage his time better in class. Also, get advice on how you can support him at home.

Point out what you notice at home. Perhaps he's enjoying a math game the teacher recommended, or maybe he's struggling with a science project. This gives teachers useful information for challenging and assisting your child.



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