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## Assessment: Teenage Brain Under Construction

Directions: Answer each question as completely as possible.

1. Joe's little sister accidentally spills milk on a book he is reading. He immediately starts screaming at her and kicking his chair. Fifteen years later when he is 30 years old the same thing happens. This time Joe takes a sighs and says, "No problem Sis, the book will dry out in a few hours". Explain why his teenage reaction is so different from his adult reaction.

2. You tell your parents that you don't need to work in middle school. Your motto is "I can always learn that latter". Based on what you know about the teenage brain and pruning explain why this is not true.

3. Missy's mother cannot understand why missy speeds while driving and refuses to wear her seatbelt. Explain to Missy's mother why her daughter's brain is responsible for this?