

LEARNING TO READ

# A LIFELONG STORY

12 to 15-years-old

# READING IS IMPORTANT... EVEN IN HIGH SCHOOL!

Reading is one of the first keys to success.

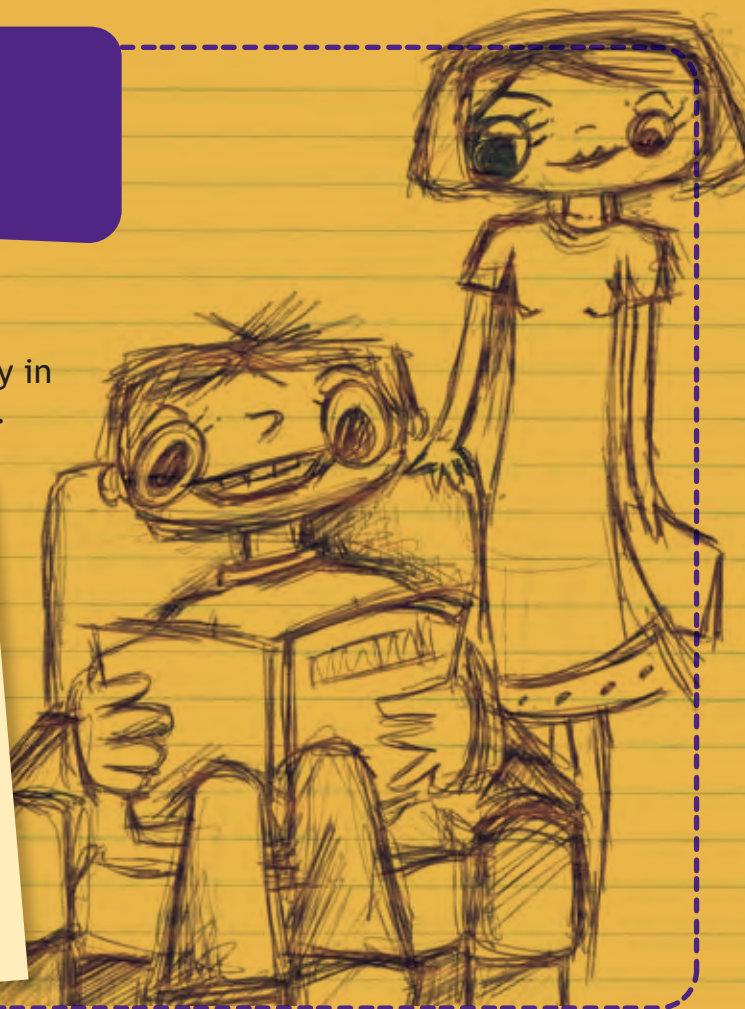
Reading contributes to success in school, not only in English class but in other school subjects as well.



## Tips for parents

Be there for your teen, attentive to his successes and difficulties. Show an interest in the things he likes.

This will help open the door to discussions that could have an important impact on your teen's success.



# Reading



## Tips for parents

KEEP IN MIND THAT READING  
ENABLES US TO:

- Learn, find out things, and make informed choices.
- Develop a creative mind and our imagination.
- Become a smart consumer, an informed citizen...

## READING IS DISCOVERING...

- **New words that expand vocabulary.**  
To better understand texts: songs, legends, novels, poems, plays, biographies, comics...
- **Information in everyday writing.**  
In newspapers or magazine articles, ads, specialized publications, website articles...

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# THE MORE OFTEN WE READ, THE MORE WE WANT TO READ, REGARDLESS OF WHERE WE ARE!

- A magazine in the bedroom
- A novel in the living room
- A website
- A comic book in the car
- A newspaper on the patio
- An instruction manual in the garage
- A cereal box on a camping trip
- In English, in French, whatever language we like



## Tips for parents

The computer is a stimulating tool that can be used to promote interest in reading.

- Encourage your teen to consult an online dictionary or encyclopedia.
- Invite him to research information needed in daily life: bus or movie schedules, travel directions, activities

available at school, in the neighbourhood or in the town...

Read the newspaper in front of your teen. Offer him a section that corresponds to his interests. Do not hesitate to read the headlines out loud and to comment on what is in the news.

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Reading

Encouraging

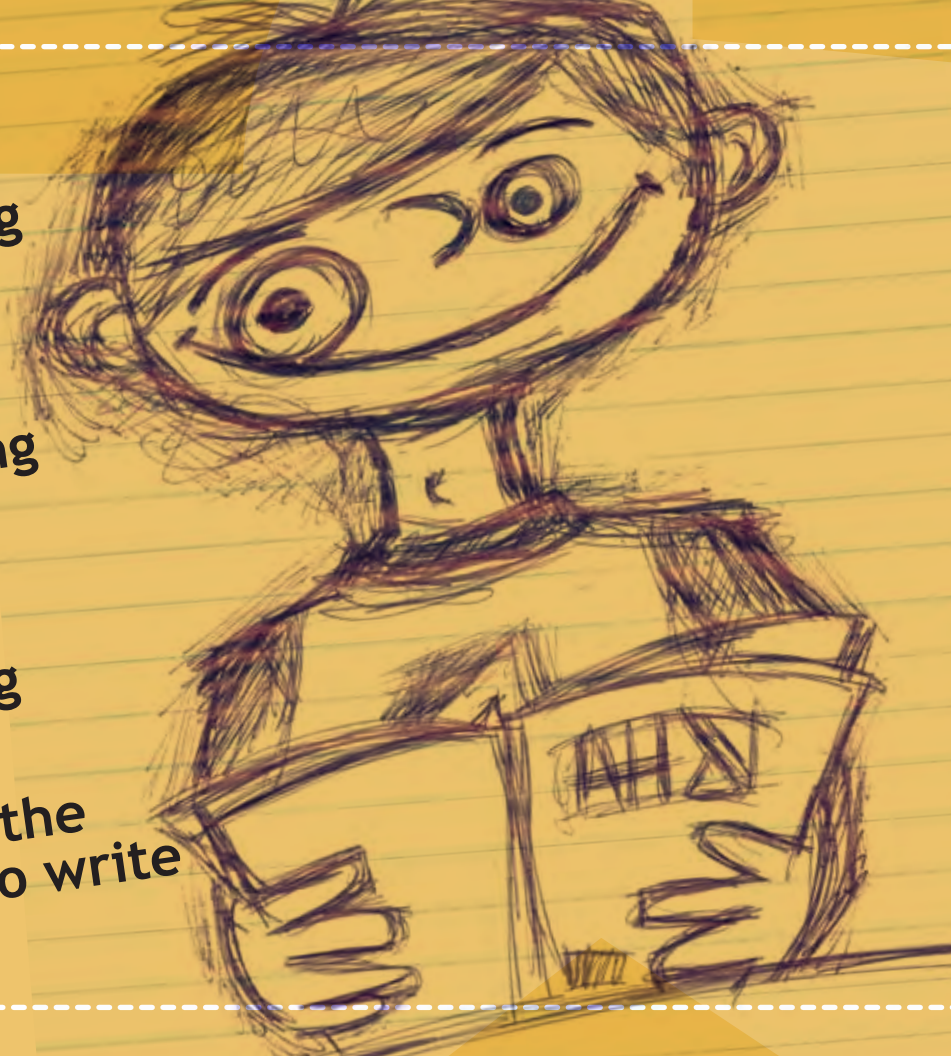
Awareness

Discovering

Interest

Nurturing  
success

Gaining the  
desire to write



## MORE TIPS FOR ENCOURAGING YOUR TEEN TO READ:



### Tips for parents

Reading is the gateway to the world of knowledge, creativity and the future. Talk to your teen about the reading you do for work or pleasure. Encourage him to discuss what he is reading with you.

- If your teen does not seem very interested in reading a new book, you could read a few pages for him. Then, tell him what you have read. This is a good way to pique your teen's interest in reading more and to encourage him to continue reading.
- Show an interest in what your teen is reading. Perhaps read something on the same subject and share information and points of view. Any discussion you have with your teen will help him better understand what he has read.
- Take advantage of questions your teen asks to find reading material that addresses his concerns: health, sexuality, the environment, jobs, sports, recreational activities.
- If you are in the habit of playing board games as a family, suggest activities with a focus on reading words or short phrases: Scrabble, Boggle, Cranium, crossword puzzles, Scattergories...

# WEBSITE SUGGESTIONS

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/education](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/education)

[www.teenreads.com](http://www.teenreads.com)

[www.learnquebec.ca/en](http://www.learnquebec.ca/en)

[www.alloprof.qc.ca](http://www.alloprof.qc.ca) (available only in French)

To access newspapers and a lot of information on news and current events in your region and throughout the world, use an Internet search engine.

To access a Canadian encyclopedia  
[www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com](http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com)

This is the third in a series of three pamphlets. The first is for parents of children ages 0 to 5 and the second is for parents of children ages 5 to 12. You will find copies of the three pamphlets on the *Projet PRÉE* website: [www.reussiteeducativeestrie.ca](http://www.reussiteeducativeestrie.ca)



To promote young people's success at school, several groups have joined together to create the *Table estrienne de concertation interordres en éducation (TECIÉ)*. They developed an action plan to help young people be successful in school. They mobilized many partners to implement this action plan through Partners for Educational Success Estrie (*Projet PRÉE*).