A River Ran Wild
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Speech

1. Brainstorm all the many possible arguments that could be used to persuade the Legislators and the public to support a clean up effort of the Nashua River. Remember you can use examples for the book from Marion’s first hand experience.

2. Organize data in a logical sequence of supporting arguments.

3. Write a rough draft of your speech. Be sure to include a strong introduction, your reasons for the necessity of cleaning the Nashua River, and a strong closing statement.

4. Put key phrases and words on note cards. Practice your speech in front of a mirror or classmate.

5. Be ready to give you convincing speech in front of your class.