PREFRONTAL CORTEX (PFC)

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Nickname: the Wise Leader or Wise Mind Location: behind center of forehead Job: considers information to make smart choices about what to say or do

FACT:

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The PFC can't work while the amygdala is in charge

the AMYGDALA

Nickname: the Security Guard or Guard Dog Location: deep inside the brain Job: alerts us to danger

FACT:

When the amygdala is activated we have one of three reactions: Fight, Flight, or Freeze

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the HIPPOCAMPUS

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PARTS of the

MINDFUL BRAIN

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Nickname: the Memory Saver or File Cabinet

Location: two—one just above each ear Job: saves important memories

FACT:

The hippocampus combines information from other parts of the brain and decides what's

important

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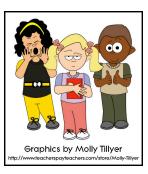
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