



Questions for Classroom Discussion

Time for a Swim!

- **What are reasons why you would want to build a pool in your yard? What are reasons why you would NOT want to?**
 - ⇒ Consider the PROs of building a pool, such as recreation, convenience, exercise, and even home value
 - ⇒ Consider the CONs of building a pool, such as cost, safety, maintenance, space, and limited use for most of the year
 - ⇒ Consider whether you may or may not already have easy access to a pool (such as a neighborhood pool), as well as other ways the backyard might be used, and how the answers to these questions can impact your decision

- **If you decide to build a pool in your backyard, what are things that you need to consider?**
 - ⇒ Consider what kind of pool you would want and would be most practical, such as in-ground versus above ground, as well as other different style, shape, and material considerations
 - ⇒ Consider what else you might need around the pool, such as a deck or paved area, a security fence, and any changes to the landscaping your yard might require
 - ⇒ Consider how you will maintain and care for the pool, including the option of doing it yourself (which is a lot of time and effort) or hiring a pool company to care for it (which has a cost)

- **If you do NOT want to build a pool in your backyard, what are other ways that a large area of land could be used?**
 - ⇒ Consider other forms of recreation that could fit into the space, such as playground equipment, a paved area (for basketball or tennis), or a field for soccer and other sports
 - ⇒ Consider the possibility of planting a garden or doing additional landscaping (like building a gazebo) that can become a place to relax and socialize
 - ⇒ Consider using the area for a good cause, such as growing vegetables to donate, or even donating extra land to be used as a community park or “open area” for the neighborhood