



## Raising the Roof Study Guide

### During reading:

In *Raising the Roof*, Tori struggles with being the boss or a leader. Briefly describe “a boss” and “a leader” and which is better for those working with that person.

Tori says, “We’re bigger than that” in reference to the boys’ behavior. What does she mean by that? Describe a time when you needed to be “bigger” than someone.

Max changed his mind about sabotaging the girls’ clubhouse. Why do you think this happened? Do you think the girls should have let Max help them?

### After reading:

Choose your favorite scene in the book and draw a picture. Write a caption to go with it.

Write a song for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Tori mentions that the girls’ next project will be working with Habitat for Humanity. To learn more, visit the organization’s youth programs website at [http://www.habitat.org/youthprograms/ages\\_9\\_13/ages\\_9\\_13\\_default.aspx](http://www.habitat.org/youthprograms/ages_9_13/ages_9_13_default.aspx). Then write a 30-second commercial that might encourage kids and their families to get involved.

In the story, Tori, Angie and Kelly build a clubhouse. Energy saving and “going green” are big ideas in the news now. Visit these websites to learn about being green and saving the earth’s resources:

<http://www.msgreenconstruction.com/green-kids.html>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Stories/SpaceScience/Green-tips-back-to-school>

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/kids/energyfacts/saving/>

Check out this website to learn about the Energy Star program: [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=kids.kids\\_index](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=kids.kids_index)

Write a plan for ways you can help the planet by becoming an energy star.



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*Raising the Roof*

Write a brief explanation/description of these construction-related terms:

- 1. Blueprints: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Atrium: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Groundbreaking: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Project Manager: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Construction Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Ribbon-cutting: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms Alvarez talks to the girls about the skills of developing a strategy, working with a team and taking risks. Think about your typical day. When do you need to use these skills in order to be successful? Give details.

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## How-to Essay

Think about a topic for a how-to essay. Are there vocabulary words that the reader will need to know? What process needs to be followed? If your essay involves materials, write a supply list and budget requirements.

Vocabulary words

Materials and budget needs

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Write a paragraph explaining the procedure. Don't forget to use transition words such as first, second, then, next, after that, finally.

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