Secrets of the Teenage Brain

1. What did scientists think happened at the age of 12 but have now realized to be incorrect?
2. When do we have the most brain cell density?
3. What happens in the final months before birth?
4. What is “pruning”?
5. What is white matter?
6. What is the pattern of maturation in the brain?
7. What is the prefrontal cortex responsible for?
8. What is the amygdala responsible for?
9. In our society, kids can drive at 16, join the Army and die for their country at 18, and drink at 21. Based on what you have learned about the brain, do you think these are good ideas? If you could change them, how would you change them and why?