BROWN TROUT SCHOOL · AGES 14-17

Homework, Weeks 5-6: Reading Adjustments - Think Like Joe

Five minutes a day beats an hour on Saturday. Print this sheet and stick it on the fridge. Weeks count from Session 1.

☐ Weight-decision journal: one week, every session or lawn sim (glasses on for any weighted rig) - log water speed, depth, weight chosen, and the why.

☐ Write a one-page seam analysis of a stretch of local stream: where the seams are, where the drift starts, what weight and why, by season.

☐ Run the seasonal table from memory (printed below): spring / summer / fall / winter - weight and placement for each.

☐ Score five of your own drifts on the Four-Elements scorecard and defend each number to a partner. The numbers stay on your card.

The seasonal weight table (shot always 8-10 inches above the fly):

Season	Weight	Placement and note
Spring (high, cold flows)	Heavy (Black)	8-10 inches above the fly; get down fast
Summer (low, clear flows)	Light (Yellow) or none	8-10 inches above the fly; quiet entry matters most
Fall (stable flows)	Medium (Brown)	Standard placement, 8-10 inches above the fly
Winter (slow, deep lies)	Heavy (Black)	8-10 inches above the fly; slow the drift down

Water rule: any practice at real water needs a parent or adult with you. No exceptions.

Partners: a parent, a buddy, or a Youth Helper can be your blind-feel partner and your audience for the seam analysis. Five minutes of attention beats an hour of equipment.