Seventh-Grade Soap Opera
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Brenda calls Gregory
Derek snubs Catherine
Ingrid tells Beverly
Jason eyes Jacqueline
Rick gives his e-mail address
to Penelope
Faith invites Gwendolyn
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Chelsea lets Brad read her
answers in history
Dawn sits with Benjamin
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Sonya sneaks out of the house,
gets her ears pierced
with Lauren and Lynn,
then bumps into her
then bumps into her
grandmother
grandmother
Freddy preens
Flora plots
Fletcher pleads
Freida pouts
Randy
Randy
pays
Nicholas
Nicholas
not to tell
Mr. Blair
Mr. Blair
what went wrong
when he helped
Jeremy
Jeremy
dye his hair
Alison traces the phone call and
Garrett is grounded and
threatens to
Miriam swears that she
Seth finds the note in his
Julie sees Jill holding
Julie sees Jill holding
hands with Lance at the dance
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Jason warns Jennifer
Sue comforts Melanie
Mark moves to Michigan
Sheila stalks Stephanie
Anthony somehow misplaces
his saxophone
Kelsey's caught shoplifting
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Valerie's parents bar her

Eric's found eavesdropping
Gloria sleepwalks
at Emily's sleepover

and walks into the pancake
house
Malcolm flunks

Michael fumes

Christopher
interviews
Pamela
for the school paper
and prints what
Vince
said about
Sylvia

Dana refuses to go to the

Drew loses hope because
Kate makes her mind up
to quit watching soap operas.

from the telephone
Eric's found eavesdropping

at Emily's sleepover
crosses the street,
and walks into the pancake
house

Mona fibs

Marsha faints
Christopher

Pamela

Vince

Sylvia
Monica's horoscope says
that she

Violet breaks up with

Kate makes her mind up
to quit watching soap operas