



Emerging | Exemplar Essay

Letter to the Editor: Social Media

Social Media: A Distraction



Claim and Focus

The essay does not take a clear stance on the issue in the introduction, choosing instead to present the pros and cons of social media. An attempt at a claim is not discernible until the last sentence, which is overly simplistic and seems more of an afterthought ("mostly a distraction"). The writer did not address the demands of the prompt ("convince your audience...to agree with your position").



Support and Evidence

The essay lists an equal amount of pros ("we can talk to people far away," the ability to see pictures "we might not get to," "you can put everything on it") and cons ("teens do not go outside," "a way to distract yourself," "bullying"), but none are fully developed, explained, or tied directly to a claim. Evidence appears as a list; support is indistinguishable from a counterclaim.



Organization

While related ideas are proximal (pros and cons), transitions showing their connections are largely missing. The attempted introduction and conclusion are missing key elements (claim and reflection upon claim, respectively).



Language and Style

The essay does not demonstrate a clear perspective or an appropriate style. Sentence structure and word choice are simplistic, and errors in conventions are pervasive ("In today," "Me personally," "Seriously, dose anyone else do this?").



Using Exemplars in Your Lessons

Exemplar essays are tools to take abstract descriptions and make them more concrete for students. One way to use them is to print the clean copies of the essays and allow students to use the rubric to make notes or even find examples of important elements of an essay - thesis statements, introductions, evidence, conclusions, transitions, etc. Teachers can also use exemplars to illustrate what each score point within a trait 'looks like' in an authentic student essay. For additional ideas, please see "25 Ways to Use Exemplar Essays" by visiting the Curriculum Resources page in Help.

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Notes

In today almost every one is on a social networks like Facebook, Twitter, and more. Now with social networking we can talk to people far away, and seeing picture's that we may not get to. It is good because you can just talk to them threw a social media website. And you can put everything on it, like your cat or puppy or your breakfast, but it dose have some drawback like teens do not get go outside as much anymore. Social media and networks is a way to distract yourself. Me personally I enjoy using social media when I'm bored or don't have anything to do. But it can be a problem for teenagers and adults. Social media causes bullying, and causes a distraction. If I my phone around me when I am doing work, I usually am checking it every five minutes. Seriously, dose anyone else do this? I think its mostly a distraction.