

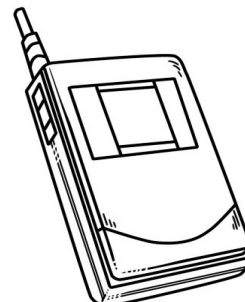
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Persuasive Writing

Cell Phones In School

Do you agree or disagree with the statement below?

Students should not be allowed to bring cell phones to school.



State your opinion and use details to support your point of view.

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Draw a picture to supplement your persuasive essay.

TEACHER NOTES

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Recommendations for Lesson:

Before presenting this persuasive writing prompt to students, you may choose to have a class discussion to present both sides of the issue.

Arguments in favor of allowing cell phones in school might include:

- Phones enable students to contact parents if they forgot to bring something to school or if they need to arrange transportation.
- Smart phones can be used as a learning tool. Students can use the Internet to look up information.
- Phones are a harmless form of entertainment and communication for use during lunch, study hall, recess, bus rides, or other down times.

Arguments against allowing cell phones in school might include:

- Phones are expensive pieces of equipment that can be lost or stolen.
- Students could cheat with a phone.
- Phones are a distraction. Students could text or play games while a teacher is trying to teach.

When writing their persuasive essays, students should be encouraged to include a topic sentence (or topic paragraph) stating their opinion, followed by persuasive details to support their point of view. Writers can also acknowledge the opinions of those who might have a different view, and follow up with an argument to make their case.