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Do you agree or disagree with the statement below?

No child should have a Facebook account unless he or she is over 13 years old.



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

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Draw a picture to supplement your persuasive essay.

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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 children under the age of 13 having Facebook accounts might include:

- Parents could put special rules in place and monitor their kids' interactions.
- Kids would be communicating mainly with people they know, such as family members and close friends.
- You can't place a specific age on a child's level of responsibility and maturity.

Arguments against children under the age of 13 having Facebook accounts might include:

- Children might see foul language or other inappropriate material.
- Sharing photos or personal information online can be dangerous.
- Children under 13 are often not responsible enough to practice online safety.
- Facebook's terms-of-service require users to be at least 13 years-old.

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.