

7th Grade Unit 5 Essay Outline

Topic: Negative Impact of Social Media on Teens

Sources: 2 that YOU find yourself (.org/.edu are most reputable)

Multi-paragraph: 4

I. Introduction (4 sentences)

-Background information about the topic (3 sentences about social media and how teenagers use it)

-LAST SENTENCE=THESIS

**NOTE-Your thesis should provide the TWO main ideas of your paper/argument.

Example thesis: **Social media can be a/an _____ resource, (put a transition word here), social media has a negative impact on teenagers because _____ and _____.

II. Body Paragraph # 1 (6-8 sentences)

TS (topic sentence) Introduce the **first** main idea of your paper/argument **social media has a negative impact on teenagers because _____**

CM (commentary) Explain in your own words further

CD (concrete detail=quote from your first source)

CM (commentary-opinion/explanation) Explain how this quote proves your **first** main idea

CM -further explain the quote and what it proves

CS (concluding sentence) Wrap up your argument and begin to transition to argument/main idea #2

III. Body Paragraph #2 (6-8 sentences)

TS (topic sentence) Introduce the **second** main idea of your paper/argument **Another reason social media has a negative impact on teenagers is because _____**

CM (commentary) Explain in your own words further

CD (concrete detail=quote)

CM (commentary-opinion/explanation) Explain how this quote proves your **second** main idea

CM -further explain

CS (concluding sentence) Wrap up your argument and begin to transition to argument/main idea #3

IV. Conclusion (4-6 sentences)

-Topic sent-summarize the main ideas from your **entire paper**