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today's high schools. Students using cell phones is a great distraction in classrooms, causing students to lose focus and miss important information. Therefore, cell phones should be banned from the classroom.

THE HOOK

This student example describes a situation from the classroom.



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THE TRANSITION

Linking the HOOK to the CLAIM.

By being sitting in class taking your final exit exam for high school, you are nervous about the results of this test. You feel nervous because you are sitting next to you. A student in the class next to you pulls out their cell phone and begins texting right in the middle of class. You lose focus, wondering if you should tell the teacher or just ignore it. This situation is all too familiar in today's high schools. Students using cell phones have become a great distraction in classrooms, causing tension for both teachers and students. Therefore, cell phones should be banned from the classroom.



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THE CLAIM

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ADDITIONAL STUDENT EXAMPLES

Topic: Texting and driving

In 2012 more people were injured from texting and driving than drinking and driving (Distraction.gov). Despite this fact, the average fine for texting and driving in the United States is only \$100 (motherjones.com). Because of these lax punishments, many drivers continue to read or write texts while behind the wheel. This means that every day thousands of people are at risk due to a driver's carelessness. Raising this fine to match the drunk driving fine would give drivers an incentive to resist looking at their phones while operating a vehicle and will greatly reduce their chances of getting into an accident.

Topic: Internet Filters

Have you ever been researching a topic for class but couldn't access any of the websites because they were blocked? Many students are experiencing difficulties completing their homework because of the school's internet filters. It is time for our administration to trust us and drop the security on our internet access.