Source 2: Purposefully Using Social Media in the Classroom

by: Chris Shangly

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Social media allows for extended learning and increased

Read the "Should Students Be Allowed to Use Social Media at School?" passage set.

Should Students Be Allowed to Use Social Media at School?

Source 1: The Challenges of Social Media for Students

by: Beatrice Monroe

Without a doubt, social networks are a part of most people's lives. Social media has changed the way we socialize and interact with others. However, in today's world, school administrations face the tough decision of whether students should be allowed to use social media. While there are certainly positive aspects to social networking, there are just as many many schools choose to ban students from engaging in social es or, at a minimum, set some ground rules.

one significant reason some schools have banned social media has given rise to cyberbullying, where others share and others online to embarrass them. More than 1 in 5 children een cyberbullying victims. While cyberbullies hide behind erbullying are not any less damaging to children than other s to self-esteem issues and frequently induces anxiety and banning students from social media to shield their students

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Paired Passages Chloe Campbell with Writing Prompts BUNDLE

SCRO to take a look inside!

Writing Prompt

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Manage your time carefully so that you can

- read the passages;
- plan your response;
- write your response; and
- revise and edit your response

Be sure to include

- an introduction;
- support for your opinion using information from the

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Does this sound like you?



My students despise writing essays!

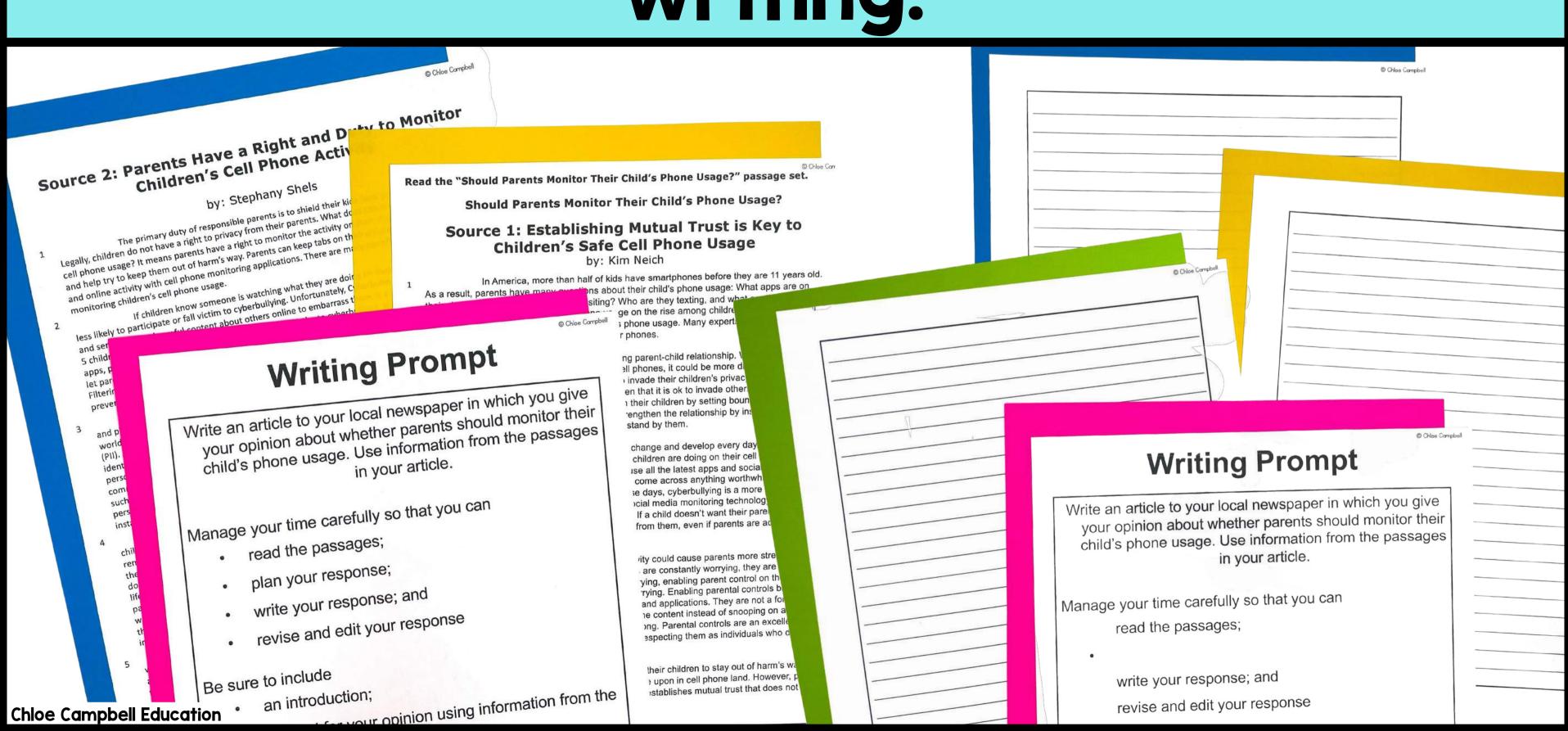


I spend hours looking for high-quality writing resources.



It's difficult to find topics that will get all of my students excited about writing.

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Engaging Topics Your Students Will LOVE!

- How do Adaptations Help Plants and Animals Survive?
- What is Renewable Energy and Why is it Useful?
- How Have Women Contributed to Science?
- > Should Electric Cars be Required?
 - Should Parents Monitor their Child's Cell Phone?

Should Students be Allowed to Use Social Media at School?

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- Social media allows for extended learning and increased example, with a classroom Twitter account, students can have real-time a local library or news station retweets from around the world. Imagin can also use Twitter for debates by using a specific teacher-created has written about the history unit they just wrapped up and then post the v parents to see the great work of their student arrists. Social media provisional students to have fun while learning at the same stationary of the students to have fun while learning at the same stationary.
- schools have saved money by leveraging social media and parents communications. Schools that have gone paperless are saving money us Additionally, social media communications make it to parents instead of at school or sitting in a child's backpack like paper.
- Parents of students whose schools embrace social media dinner table about what their children did at school today. Instead, the themselves. They can quickly and easily see fun special events at schoo upcoming dates and information about work that so.
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- many schools to ban students, cyberbullying, and self-esteem issues are reasons enough to to ban students from social media could benefit from limblementing some ground rules for technology use in telasroom. A solid set of rules could help minimize distractions and reduce the amount of cyberbullying taking place. As social media challenges continus and evolve, schools must revisit their students' social media challenges continus.





3 Opinion Writing Prompts



3 Informational Writing Prompts



2 Text Sources for Each Prompt



Planning Sheets



Writing Paper



Perfect Practice for State Tests

What's Included?

Source 2: Some Animals Cannot Adapt to Climate **Change Without Intervention**

by: Agatha Thunp

Current climate change has a disturbing impact on speci of the vulnerability of wildlife to climate change, World Wildlife Foundat Innovation Fund. This fund supports the testing of new ideas that migh more quickly to the changes in climate and reduce the likelihood of ext projects the WWF Innovation Fund is taking on, climate changes like v declining rainfall, and extreme droughts pose a significant threat to wil ntervention, some affected species will likely go extinct.

of climate change. Albatrosses only inhabit three islands in Australia a struggling to find sufficient material to build nests out of due to increase temperatures. These climate changes result in low-quality nests and population. WWF has stepped in with an innovative project to help sa they've built over 100 high-quality artificial nests and delivered them This project has already resulted in a 20% higher breeding success to

Read the "How do Adaptations Help Plants and Animals Survive?" par

How do Adaptations Help Plants and Animals Surviv

Source 1: Behavioral and Physical Adaptation Plants and Animals Survive in Different Enviro

Every type of plant and animal lives within a unique natural habitat, The ecosystem meets basic survival needs. A natural habitat provides enough food space to survive, and air for animals. For plants, a natural habitat provides nutrients and a place to grow and survive. To survive as an individual or species, animals and adapt to their environment through behavioral and physical adaptations. Behavioral for and what a plant or animal does for survival in its envir

Writing Prompt

Write an informative essay about how adaptations help plants and animals survive in different environments. Use information from the passages in your article.

Manage your time carefully so that you can

- read the passages;
- plan your response;
- write your response; and
- revise and edit your response

Be sure to include

an introduction;

rain reasons some animals migrate is to fine t during the winter. During hibernation, an a or drink water until they wake up. Some anim ng. Some animals hibernate to survive the co e hot, dry weather. There are many types of species of animals to reproduce and survive ils to get enough food, water, air, shelter, ar

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nts and animals develop over a long period a example of a plant's physical adaptation is t species, including roses and cacti. This adap allowing for survival. Other plant species have ollinators in their environment can easily find vould not survive. In addition, physical adapt rsh weather or predators. For example, man ection over their body to survive in their terres al adaptations in plants and animals is rather

adaptations are not happening quickly enough , slow adaptation leads to the extinction of spe

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Students will practice these standards:

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whether electric cars should be required. Use

- plan your response;
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Two energy sources can fuel a hybrid vehicle: an i

-- introduction





Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.



Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.



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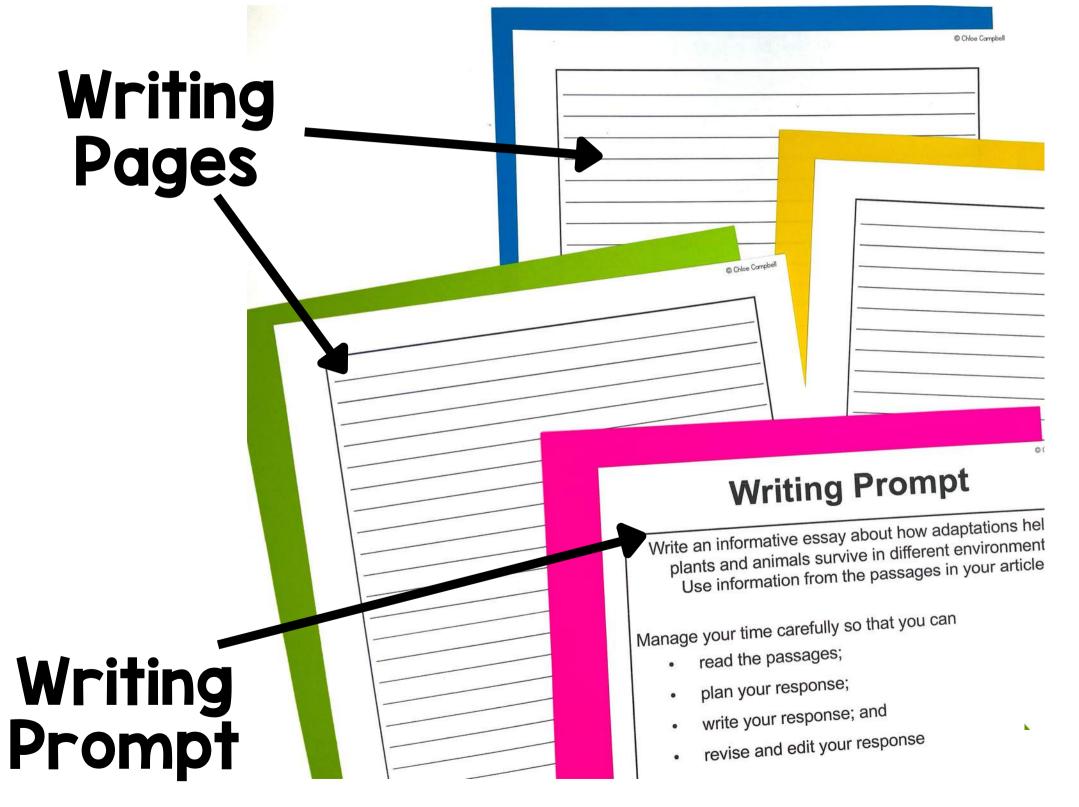
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Ditch the BORING Writing Prompts!



Fun to Read **Texts**

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Electric cars are powered solely on electric pow vehicles, leading to significant long-term savings for electric an electric motor that is powered through a battery pack. The industry but can only drive a set range before the battery ne most expensive vehicles on the market, putting them out of

On paper, electric cars appear to be much be and non-hybrid vehicles. However, electric grids need to b 'emissions-free.' For example, if a bunch of coal is being t electric vehicles, they are not truly emissions-free, as bur lithium-ion cells typically used to power electric vehicles elements to make the lithium-i only 5% of lithium-ion car ba mental challenges as old e which presents must happen to electric grids, up. Significant chan n cells, and electric vehicle batt that make up lithiu

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by: Denise Kridle

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Between lower maintenance and fuel costs, electric vehicles are easier on the wallet over the long term

Cleaner air and reduced emissions are other well-known benefit of electric cars. Electric Cleaner air and reduced emissions are other well-known benefit of electric cars. Cleaner vehicles do not produce exhaust. As electric cars become more widely adopted, less exhaust translates to less smog and overall cleaner air. Cleaner air means that there are health benefits associated with to less smog and overan cleaner air. Cleaner air means that there are nealth benefits associated electric vehicles. Drivers of these cars are less likely to develop lung cancer or other breathing electric venicies. Drivers of these cars are less likely to develop lung cancer of other preatiling complications that are associated with exposure to the harmful gases that come from the exhaust.

Another significant benefit of electric cars becoming the future is electricity is a renewable resource. While renewable energy is not perfect, it is far better than fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are both terrible for the environment and finite, meaning they will not always be available. Renewable are noth terrible for the environment and limite, meaning they will not always be available. Deliewable energy relies on components like wind turbines and solar panels to create energy. So, we must store the energy relies on components like wind turbines and solar panels to create energy, 50, we inust stole energy to make power available when it isn't windy or sunny outside. Renewable energy and the rgy to make power available when it isn't windy or sunny outside, kenewable energy and the nhology to store renewable energy continue to advance rapidly. Long-term, this means we will not technology to store renewable energy continue to advance rapidly, Long-term, this means we will not have to rely on gasoline, which is created from the fossil fuels crude oil and petroleum. Electric cars are

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Two Sources



Individual Writing Practice



Whole Group Instruction



**Partner Practice



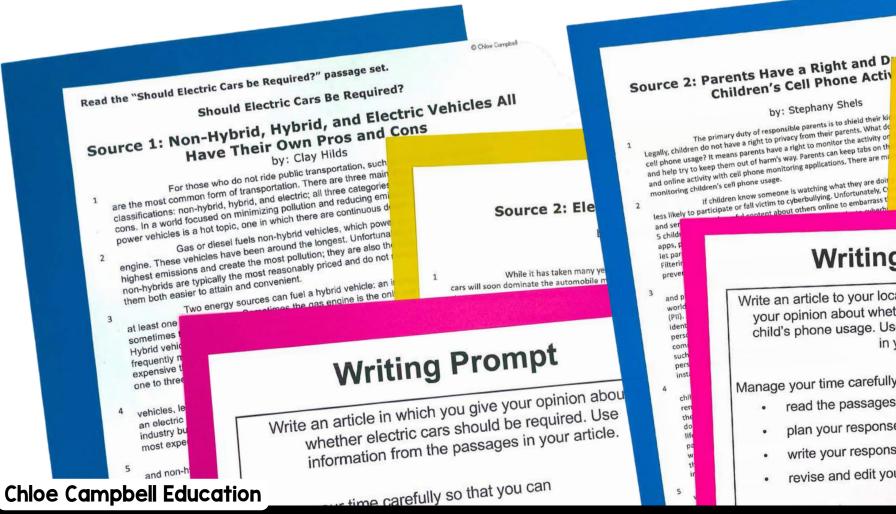
ELA Stations or Centers



Send Home as Practice



Substitute Lesson Plans



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HAPPYTEACHERS SAID...

My students loved debating these topics and writing opinion based responses! I loved the length of the paired passages and the wording of the writing prompt!

These passages and writing prompt were a perfect set up for our writing test review. My students enjoyed the passages and these were complex enough that I felt they truly embodied the text level students would see on their state test. Highly Recommend!