

Paper One Topics_-187826473



Topic #1: Define the term social media.

Write a *definitional argument* of the term "social media." Make an original argument that defines "social media" based on your understanding, analysis, and conception of the term. While you will draw from the readings, keep in mind that you are not limited to the readings in making your argument. Try to use some of the strategies and techniques described below.

Descriptive details

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How does social media affect couples who are dating, married or in a long-term relationship?

Does social media promote a celebrity culture among young people? If so, is it healthy or realistic?

Should employers have the right to hire or fire a person for what he or she posts on social media? Should schools have the same right with their students?



Essay Requirements



Your essay should be at least 5 paragraphs long, double spaced, Times New Roman, and 12 pt font. You should have a clear thesis you support.

Your ideas should be clear, insightful, thought-provoking, and focused so that they consistently support the topic, thesis and audience for the paper.

Your essay should be developed with abundant details and examples that arouse audience interest and provide relevant, concrete, specific and insightful evidence in support of sound logic.

Your organization should be coherent, unified and effective in support of the paper's purpose/ plan and consistently demonstrates effective and appropriate rhetorical transitions between ideas and paragraphs.

Your style should be confident, readable and rhetorically effective in tone, incorporating varied sentence structure, precise word choice and correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Your format should be correct, meets all assignment directions, and works expertly to support the essay's purpose/plan. You can use MLA or APA to cite your sources.