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## Opinion Reading Comprehension Response

### Cell Phones Should Be Banned in Schools

All cell phones should be banned in schools during the regular school day. Cell phones are a distraction to students, their classmates, and their teachers. Cell phones are a distraction because they prevent students from paying attention in class when they are being used. Students who are texting in class, or otherwise using their cell phones to play games, are missing valuable instruction from the teacher in the form of class notes, the introduction of new ideas and concepts, and live demonstrations and examples of new topics. Students who use their cell phones regularly in class generally have lower grades than their classmates who do not use cell phones during the school day. Finally, cell phone use during the school day is a sign of disrespect toward teachers and classmates because it is an unwanted distraction. Other students may feel the need to use their own cell phones, and teachers will realize that their instruction is not being received by their cell phone-using students. Therefore, students should not be allowed to use their cell phones in school during the regular school day.

Do you agree or disagree with the author who wrote the essay above? Write your opinion, followed by 3 or 4 sentences to show why you agree or disagree. Refer to specific points in the passage.

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