

# Citing Evidence

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## 2. Which of the following parts of the passage could you paraphrase and why?

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- What Dr. Maya Patel said, because you don't know the rest of what she told the reporter and you have to cite accurate information
- The positive effects of social media, because you have to paraphrase something that is spoken by an expert so you don't steal their work
- The question at the end of the article, because you should always put questions into your own words
- The negative consequences of social media, because you can summarize them in your own words

## 3. What could your advice about citing evidence be to a classmate who is using this article for a research paper?

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- Scan the article for any facts and statistics and underline them because those are the most important pieces of evidence you can find.
- Use active reading skills like underlining to pick out evidence from the article that you might want to cite.
- Scan the article for keywords you can cite and underline them. This way, you can skip the parts that don't support your claim.
- Use active reading skills like underlining to cross out information that you don't personally agree with.

#### 4. When you read nonfiction, what type of evidence could you cite to support your ideas?

- Inferences about the text
- Implicit details about the theme
- Characters, plot, setting, or themes
- Facts, statistics, and expert opinions

#### 5. Why is it important to cite evidence?

- To take credit for making inferences about the author's work
- To justify and support your inferences, and to give credit to the author
- To make your writing more detailed and interesting and to give credit to the author
- To repeat the explicit information from the author

#### 6. How do you include a quote in your writing?

- Put the author's exact words in quotation marks and give the author's name.
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#### 7. After reading the passage, which piece of evidence could you cite to support your claim that social media is mainly positive for teens, and why?

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- The statistic that teens spend up to "9 hours a day on social media platforms," because something so popular couldn't be negative
- The statement "social media can be a major source of cyberbullying," because it sounds like an important detail
- The statement that "social media can be a valuable tool for connecting with others," because it is suggested by experts
- The question "So, what should teenagers do about social media?" because it makes the reader think of positives

## 8. What advice about citing evidence could you give to a classmate who is writing a research paper?

- You should make sure the evidence you cite supports or justifies your claim and give credit to the author.
- You should make sure the evidence you cite is always in quotation marks and cite the author's name to give them credit.
- You should look for statistics and cite all of them as evidence, because they are usually correct, and support your claim.
- You should always have a balance between paraphrasing and quoting when you're citing evidence.

## 9. What is the purpose of paraphrasing a source?

- To be respectful of the original author by rephrasing their words and still giving them credit
- To put the author's exact words in quotation marks for emphasis and clarity
- To provide a shorter summary or explanation of the author's ideas, and still give them credit
- To make your own writing longer by adding more words to what the original author says

## 10. Which of the following sentences from the passage would you quote and why?

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- The question at the end asking what teenagers should do about social media, because it is dramatic and attention-grabbing
- The recommendation made by experts at the end about setting limits on screen time, because you always have to quote an expert when you cite evidence
- Dr. Maya Patel's quote, because she is an expert in child psychology and her exact words help support the claim that social media is negative
- The statistic that teenagers spend up to 9 hours a day on social media platforms, because you have to quote statistics