“Shut Down Your Screen”

ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING
Effective argumentative writing. . .

**DOES**

- Show passion about the topic.
- State clearly what the issue is
- State the writer’s position in a thesis statement
- Use information from experts who agree with the writer’s position
- Relate reasons why the writer is committed to his position/opinion
- Include evidence in the form of facts and statistics to support the writer’s position
- Respectfully address and refute the claims of the opposing side of the argument
- Conclude convincingly

**DOES NOT**

- Use weak, semi-committed language like “I believe,” “I feel,” or “I think.”
- Circle around the issue nor omit defining it directly
- Leave the reader wondering about the point the writer is trying to make
- Come across that the writer is an expert if he is not one
- Think that the audience will agree with any of the writer’s reasons
- Rely solely on moral or religious claims to support the writer’s position
- Show disrespect for the opposing side of the argument
- Miss the opportunity to use the conclusion to make an impact on the reader
ANALYZE THE PROMPT
Look Up From Anti-social Social Network REASON/RATIONAL??
The Power of Social Media: Connecting for Good

REASON/RATIONAL??
READ WITH A PURPOSE:

You need to know BOTH sides of the issue – think like an attorney!

What can you use to argue your case?

What would the opposition claim?
What could you use as a rebuttal?