



Examining Telephone Use

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Introduction

The telephone has become an important part of everyday life. In this writing prompt, students will write about how the telephone has changed American life as well as identify the different ways their family uses it.

Learning Objectives

([CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.1](#)) Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.

Materials Needed

- Pencil, paper
- [Video](#) on the history of the telephone
- Graphic organizers

Procedure

1. Ask students how they think the telephone has evolved overtime. Then, have students watch a short video on the history of the telephone.
2. After the video, together as a class have students fill out a graphic organizer listing the ways the telephone has evolved over time.
3. Next, have students fill out another graphic organizer listing the ways their family uses the telephone.
4. Instruct students to use their graphic organizers to help write an essay answering the following prompt:

The telephone has become a very important part of everyone's daily lives. Write an essay explaining how the telephone has evolved overtime and changed American life, as well as discuss the different ways your family uses the telephone.

Evaluation

Students will be assessed on how well they followed the guidelines for the writing prompt. Did the student discuss how the telephone has evolved and changed American life? Did the student discuss the different ways their family uses the telephone?