



Unmasking Social Media

1. What are some examples of early social media platforms, and what features did they have?



2. When did the iPhone come out, and how did it change social media?



3. How do social media platforms keep users engaged for long periods?



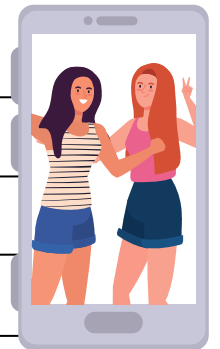
4. Social media platforms have only been around for a relatively short period of time. If all social media went offline tomorrow, do you think the world would be better or worse off? List some advantages and disadvantages of social media, and then write a paragraph about whether you think life would be better or worse without it and why.

Advantages

Disadvantages



5. You hear from your friends about a big virtual party happening on social media. Everyone in your grade is talking about it, and they've been sharing photos and updates. You don't have access to social media, and you're starting to feel like you're missing out on all the fun and important conversations. What could you do to feel more included or to make yourself better?



6. Recently, the members of the government have been talking about increasing the age restrictions for social media. Do you think the age restrictions on social media are effective? Explain why or why not?



7. Imagine a future where social media no longer exists. Describe how people might communicate and share information. Draw a picture of what this might look like, and be as creative as you want.
