

Text Complexity Analysis Template

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Text and Author	Pros and Cons of Social Media In The Classroom Written by: Karen Lederer	Where to Access Text	Campus Technology Social Media Feature
Text Description			
This is an article that debates the question: Should social media be used in the classroom? This article gives the pros and cons on a very relevant issue.			
Quantitative			
Lexile and Grade Level	Adult learners, PG Lexile range 1215-1355	Text Length	855 words
Qualitative			
Meaning/Central Ideas		Text Structure/Organization	
This article presents pros and cons on social media in classroom.		The structure is simple to moderately complex but is very contemporary and is relevant to all levels of education today. The structure has long and short paragraphs.	
Prior Knowledge Demands		Language Features	
This article requires prior knowledge of the various types of social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn)		The language is very contemporary and should be familiar to students from grade school, college, and even graduate levels.	
Potential Reader/Task Challenges			
The adult learner, the grade level that I teach, will have a connection with this article due to the fact they deal with all aspects of social media. But may have mixed feelings of what side they agree with. The challenge will be to see if the student has only one opinion.			
Big Takeaway			
The student will have a clear delineation of the positives and negatives for the use of social media in the classroom. The big takeaway will be to have enough information now to be able to discuss, is it Pro or Con?			
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Vocabulary Analysis Template

	Words that demand less teaching time (i.e. the definition is singular and concrete)	Words that demand more teaching time (i.e. words with multiple meanings and/or that are part of a word family)
Words that can be determined in context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment • Education • Distracting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media • Debate • Educational Tool • Communication Skill
Words that cannot be determined in context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking • Middle Ground • Resume • Real life social skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn • Student engagement • Professional web presence • Digital learners • Cyberbullying • Back channels