

To be used with the October 30, 2017, issue

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Opinion Writing  
Common Core W.1

# Craft an Opinion

Read this week's debate about kids having smartphones. Do you think young kids should be allowed to have smartphones? Imagine you are going to write a persuasive essay for your school newspaper about this topic. Use the prompts below to plan your essay. You can support your opinion with facts from the article and examples from your own life.

■ **BEGINNING:** Start your essay by introducing the topic. Then state your opinion.

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■ **MIDDLE:** Write two reasons that back up your opinion. Be sure to explain your reasons, using facts and details to support them.

REASON 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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REASON 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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■ **END:** Restate your opinion but use different words.

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