

DISCUSSION ESSAY:

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RESEARCH QUESTION

This is the question you are trying to answer. It should not be too broad - try to be specific enough so that everyone understands what you mean.

Clear and focused: Is social media use making teenagers depressed?

Open but still possible: How is social media affecting teenagers' mental health.

Too vague and open: Is social media ruining society?

ANSWERS

Find two to four answers that give interesting perspectives. If there are opposing facts or opinions, make sure you make room for both.

HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR ESSAY

You can organize your essay in five or six paragraphs:

1. Introduction & research question
2. Answer 1
3. Answer 2
4. Answer 3
5. Answer 4
6. Conclusion: repeat your question and state whether the answer is clear or if more research is needed.

PLANNING YOUR THESIS & ARGUMENTS



Research
question:

ANSWER 1:

ANSWER 2:

ANSWER 3:

ANSWER 4: