

1. How do social networks create cliques online?

- A. They connect you with people who have similar opinions.
- B. They connect you with people you already know and like.
- C. They expose you to people with different views and new ideas.
- D. They encourage you to block people you don't know or like.

2. Which of the following best describes a central idea of the text?

- A. The majority of people actively seek out others with different or opposing views because they want to be challenged about their ideas.
- B. Social media sites should be given more credit for the power they hold, especially in the entertainment industry.
- C. Due to the design of many social media platforms, people are more likely to stay within their "real life" social cliques and interest circles while online.
- D. Internet users should make a daily effort to reach out to people outside of social media and meet in person.

3. Which of the following quotes best supports the answer to Question 2?

- A. "Most people don't click on posts that they disagree with, explains Dean Eckles, a Stanford Ph.D. candidate studying social networks." (Paragraph 5)
- B. "Facebook and Twitter can act as echo chambers where you interact primarily with others who have similar interests and politics." (Paragraph 6)
- C. "That the show is still on the air today is thanks in part to its fans on Twitter." (Paragraph 7)
- D. "'I'm meeting strangers,' she says — two in the last two weeks, in fact. 'I met them and I felt like, 'This is my tribe.'" (Para 13)

4. Based on the text, what is the author's claim about the influence of social media? Does she give sufficient evidence to support her claim? Use 2 details to support your response.

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I can evaluate the argument in an informational text

**Standard:**

**RI.8.8:** Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text...

**Short Response Practice**

Tobacco companies should be forced to pay settlements to anyone who has become addicted or negatively affected by the use of their products. Anyone who has a loved one who has given in to the temptation to use cigarettes can speak to the way the product can swallow consumers' wallets. The medical evidence of the devastation created by secondhand smoke is convincing enough for people to consider legal action against the powerful corporations. Unfortunately, tobacco companies have traditionally provided strong financial support for many political candidates.

**Based on the passage, what is the author's claim regarding tobacco companies? Use details to support your response.**

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