



Emerging | Exemplar Essay

## Young People As Activists

### Allow Young People to Vote



#### Claim and Focus

The essay makes a vague claim that does not take a position on the issue ("Social media and protesting are good but nothing will change if we can't vote."). The essay does not maintain focus on the task; rather, it refutes the efficacy of both methods.



#### Support and Evidence

The essay somewhat refers to related topics ("George Floyd," "Greta"), but no direct or quoted evidence from the sources is used to support its ideas. Some reasoning is attempted but it is minimal and unclear.



#### Organization

The essay offers a series of ideas that lacks transitions and a basic organizational structure. The first sentence attempts to offer a claim but it is not developed into an introductory paragraph, and a conclusion is missing entirely.



#### Language

The language is simplistic and informal ("we," "got made fun of," "gonna"). Word choice is uninteresting and sentence structure is often incorrect ("But...", "Because...") and repetitive ("Or like...").



#### Using Exemplars in Your Lessons

Exemplar essays are tools to take abstract descriptions and make them more concrete for students. One way to use them is to print the clean copies of the essays and allow students to use the rubric to make notes or even find examples of important elements of an essay - thesis statements, introductions, evidence, conclusions, transitions, etc. Teachers can also use exemplars to illustrate what each score point within a trait 'looks like' in an authentic student essay. For additional ideas, please see "25 Ways to Use Exemplar Essays" by visiting the Curriculum Resources page in Help.

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### Allow Young People to Vote

Social media and protesting are good but nothing will change if we can't vote.

Young people were a big part of the protests for George Floyd. But we can't make them change the laws just by marching. Or like on social media we can share pics or make tik toks so people know what's going on but that doesn't really force anyone to make a law or do anything different. Or like Greta. She just got made fun of even the president made fun of her and nothing changed. Young people should be able to vote for some things, not everything but things that are important to us. Because we're gonna have to deal in the future with all the decisions the government is making today.