

ACADEMIC PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE

(Sub-heading: Negative effects of social media on youth)

Topic Sentence	Social media has a key place in the lives of young individuals. However, it has negatively influenced the youth.
Explanatory or Reasoning sentence	Social media affects young people's mental as well as physical health. These negative effects include cyberbullying, depression and anxiety, low self-esteem, harassment and many such problems.
Supporting Point (1)	Social media has caused a great impact on the youth and they have emotionally invested themselves in different platforms of social media.
Example (1)	Cyberbullying is widespread among the young adults on social media. It causes emotional, mental, behavioral, and physical effects on the young minds. In the worst-case scenario, a victim may feel that the only way to end the situation is to take their life.
SP 2 (optional)	Social media has set some unrealistic expectations for the youth in a way that they have lost their perspectives regarding the real picture of life and believe that whatever they see on the screen is the true meaning of life and how it should be lived.
Ex 2 (to be written if SP2 is given)	The teenagers are mindlessly scrolling the social media apps without realizing that time is the true essence.
Concluding Sentence	This shows that social media has a serious impact on the youth and causes harm on their emotional and physical well-being.

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