

**Reading Work Sample Exemplar: Informational Text, Multiple Resources**  
Task Title: "The Impact of Social Media"

**SCORES AND COMMENTARY**

(Phrases in bold are taken from the Official Reading Scoring Guide):

**Demonstrate Understanding: 6**

The reader's extensive use of margin notes, including thoughtful questions and insightful comments, **indicates an accurate, thorough understanding of main ideas and supporting details, including those that are subtle or complex** ("Psychological consensus shows that peers are a greater influence on adolescent behavior than parents... "Just as there are good and bad physical citizens, there are good and bad digital citizens..."). The response to question 1 shows the reader can identify and summarize the main ideas within multiple passages; the response to question 2 shows he/she can **differentiate between facts and opinions**. The reader's use of information in the final essay reflects an understanding of **specific supporting details** and the **relationship between ideas, facts, and opinions**.

**Develop an Interpretation: 6**

Again, the margin notes are instrumental in providing evidence to support a score of a 6 as the student repeatedly "reads between the lines" and reaches **supported conclusions** ("I feel as though in reality this number would be higher. Nobody wants to admit they're part of the problem..." "Could this be because girls form tighter social circles?"). The response to question 3 shows the reader can **accurately interpret** the text and **provide well-supported, relevant, valid textual evidence**. Finally, the content of the full essay provides numerous examples of the reader's **insight** into the **subtleties** of the various texts.

**Analyze Text: 6**

The margin notes also show evidence of the reader's ability to analyze text, including making observations about the **validity of the sources** ("This is 3 years ago, the landscape of social media changes very quickly..." "That's a large generalization..." "Who was polled for these studies? Was the sample size large and broad enough to be credible?"). The reader's completion of the charts in response to questions 4 and 5 shows **in-depth analysis of the writers' strategies that contribute to the effectiveness of the selections** ("This article was by far the MOST effective in supporting its argument through studies, sources, and numbers.") and provides **specific textual evidence** as support in question 5. Additional text analysis is provided in the essay: "...Greenfield's comments are by no means supported by scientific consensus..." "While this sits on shaky scientific reasoning...").