

# Smartphone Addiction

## Non-Fiction Article

PDF & Digital Formats



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Middle School Teaching Resources

# RESOURCE INCLUDES

- Lesson Plan
- Teacher Instructions
- Individual PDFs for Google Drive
- Google Slides for 1:1 Schools
- Audio file of the article
- Pre-reading K-W-L chart
- Non-fiction article (modified and regular levels)
- 3 Post reading activities
  - ✓ Comprehension questions
  - ✓ Grammar questions
  - ✓ Long response writing

# EXAMPLE PAGES

## LESSON PLAN



### Smartphone Addiction

**Lesson Overview:**  
Students will work on their non-fiction reading skills while reading this article.

**Materials Needed:**

Photocopy a class set of the following or use the provided Google Slides version for 1:1 technology schools:

- K-W-L Chart
- Non-Fiction article, regular or modified version (audio file also included)
- Comprehension questions, regular or modified version
- Thinking questions (select 1)
- Grammar questions (also available as a self-marking Google Forms Quiz)

**Video**

- Video #1: [Heritage Minutes: Halifax Explosion](#) - Watch this video to show students what a telegraph machine looks like and how it is used
- Video #2: [How Is Your Phone Changing You?](#) (Stop at 2:54)
- Video #3: [Cell Phone Addiction - Tanner Welton - TEDxLangleyED](#)

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## K-W-L CHART

Topic:		
K	W	L
What do I already know about this topic?	What do I want to know about this topic?	What new things did I learn about this topic from the article?

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## SMARTPHONE ADDICTION

**What is a Smartphone?**

The smartphone is one of the essential tools of this generation. This device fits in your hand but can do multiple tasks and functions.

You can have audio and video calls, browse the web, connect to social media, watch videos, take pictures, listen to music, navigate your way around unfamiliar places, play online games, and so much more.

The smartphone has come a long way from its humble beginnings. Decades ago it was just a wireless device used to call people.

Smartphones have now become a key part of our lives, as they help us at work, and enhance our ability to connect with people.

**Communication Technology**

Long before the smartphone was invented, people tried to communicate long distances using a variety of tools.

Ships used flags and light signals to communicate with other boats. People used smoke signals and carrier pigeons to communicate with others.

The telegraph, a communication system that used dots and dashes, sent over a wire, changed the way people communicate. The telegraph was eventually succeeded by the telephone.



Teens Using Their Cell Phones

With the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell in the 1800s, people could now directly talk to each other without using a telegraph machine. It soon connected families across the US, and other countries as they built their telephone network.

**The Modern Smartphone**

It would take a couple more decades to develop the next generation of telephones - the smartphone.

The first iPhone was introduced to the public on January 9, 2007. Apple removed the standard physical keypad and instead used a giant touch screen to control all the phone's functions. It combined touch screen controls, web browsing, web apps, and other phone features not available to other smartphones.

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**PREVIEW**

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The Rise of Smartphones

With the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell in the 1800s, people could now directly talk to each other without using a telegram machine. It soon connected families across the U.S. and other countries as they built their telephone network.

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# SAMPLE ANSWERS

What was the only thing a smartphone could do just a few decades ago?

Just a few decades ago, it was just a wireless device used to call people.

Explain other ways that people communicated before the invention of the telephone. (2 marks)

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Describe the first iPhone. (2 marks)

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What is the second sign warning you that you might be spending too much time using your smartphone? What is the fourth?

Second: trouble completing tasks at school or at home. If your schoolwork is incomplete and your chores are not getting done – this can be a sign of spending too much time on your tech.

Fourth: Compulsive checking of posts on social media. Do you frequently check social media posts to see how many likes and comments they have gotten?