

Case Study #1 for Unit 6

Many educators believe that with the growth of so many different types of media along with information technology, media literacy is just as important as or even more important than **print literacy**, that is, learning to read and write. Keep in mind other types of literacy such as: computer literacy and integration literacy are critical issues which are equally as important. What is your position on the relative importance of these many "literacies"? Equally as many educators cite **computer, information, and integration literacy** as all being essential in today's world. Even though "literacy" is a very well defined term in any literacy, respond with adequate comments as to your opinion of any type of literacy. Be sure to cite specific examples to support your responses.

Case Study #2 for Unit 6

The emergence of word processing has had the effect of making **handwritten schoolwork less important**, especially in middle and high schools. Some educators feel handwriting should be given much less emphasis even in earlier grades, by teaching keyboarding. What are your thoughts on the **Pros and Cons of de-emphasizing** teaching of handwriting skills and grade level assignments in favor of keyboarding? It might be good to remember that **texting by almost every cell phone user** and by almost all grade levels has had an equal impact on language arts skills and spelling. Be specific with your comments on the Pros and Cons of keyboarding and/or texting. Be sure to cite specific examples to support your responses.

Case Study #3 for Unit 6

During a recent teachers meeting just before parents-teacher conferences, the principal has brought up that there has been more and more phone calls about advice from educators on students using PCs and the Internet for **Interactive Games** (Single & Multiuser) along with many hours with **Social Networks**. The parents want the students to use home Personal Computers and the Internet for homework and researching on educational topics, however, parents are finding out this is not the case. Games and Social Networks dominate the use of PCs by all grade levels. The principal is asking for teachers together at this meeting to come up with some suggestions to provide parents with solutions. What would your suggestions be about this epidemic in Internet socializing versus educational purposes? Be candid with your comments on this very real situation and possible try **researching the Internet** for possible answers to be provided. Be sure to cite specific examples to support your responses.