Behind the Screen

Trace how a digital editorial shapes a reader's view.

10.C.4.A "Analyze the viewpoint of print and digital publications (e.g., advertisements, editorials, blogs, and websites)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that show the writer's attitude. Circle facts, examples, or proposed actions used to support the viewpoint, then write 1 beside a place where another group's view is missing.

Later Bells, Better Days

1 Eastview High should begin classes at 8:45 next fall, not 7:50. The school board is considering the change, and it should listen to students who arrive exhausted before first period. Research on adolescent sleep shows that many teenagers' internal clocks shift later during puberty. A later bell would not turn school into a vacation, as critics suggest. It would give students a more realistic chance to sleep before tackling algebra, lab work, and driving to campus. Our district says attendance and transportation costs must be studied, but those challenges are manageable, not reasons to preserve an unhealthy schedule.

2 Families rightly worry about bus routes and after-school jobs. However, the board already adjusts routes for weather closures, athletic events, and construction, so it can plan a new schedule with the same care. The district could survey drivers and families before setting a final time. It could also move some practices later or use morning study halls for students who need supervision. These practical steps deserve more attention than the familiar claim that teens simply need more discipline. No amount of willpower changes a biological sleep pattern. Eastview should solve the scheduling details instead of asking tired students to solve a problem created by adults.

3 Readers should recognize what this editorial asks them to value: alert students over an unchanged routine. Its examples focus on fatigue and flexible planning, which makes a later start seem both humane and practical. The piece does not quote a bus driver, an employer, or a parent whose workday begins early. Those voices might describe costs or problems that the writer minimizes. Still, delaying the decision because every schedule has drawbacks would be shortsighted. Board members should approve a later start after reviewing transportation data and hearing public comments. A school day should be built around learning, not around an old clock.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the editorial's main viewpoint about Eastview High's schedule?

2. Name two words or phrases that reveal the writer's negative attitude toward the current schedule.

3. How does the writer respond to concerns about bus routes and after-school jobs?

4. Which perspectives does the writer say are missing, and what concerns might those people raise?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a print or digital publication about a school or community issue. In exactly four sentences, identify its viewpoint, quote or describe two details that reveal it, and explain one missing voice or fact and how it could change a reader's understanding.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that show the writer's attitude. Circle facts, examples, or proposed actions used to support the viewpoint, then write 1 beside a place where another group's view is missing. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the editorial's main viewpoint about Eastview High's schedule?	**Eastview High should begin at 8:45 rather than 7:50.**
2	Name two words or phrases that reveal the writer's negative attitude toward the current schedule.	**Answers may include "unhealthy schedule," "tired students," "old clock," or "problem created by adults."**
3	How does the writer respond to concerns about bus routes and after-school jobs?	**The writer says the board already adjusts routes for other situations and could survey families, move practices, or use morning study halls.**
4	Which perspectives does the writer say are missing, and what concerns might those people raise?	**Bus drivers, employers, and parents with early workdays are missing. They might raise transportation costs or scheduling problems.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

An online advertisement for a reusable water bottle argues that shoppers should buy its bottle instead of single-use plastic bottles. It calls the bottle "a cleaner choice" and shows a photo of a beach without litter. The ad does not explain the bottle's price or how it is manufactured. That missing information could make readers question whether the product is affordable and environmentally beneficial overall.

Accept answers that identify the editorial as favoring a later school start and support claims with accurate passage details. For Part 3, verify that the response has exactly four sentences, identifies a viewpoint, gives two relevant clues, and explains the effect of missing information.