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Close-Reading Questions

"Are Phones Making Us Zombies?"

- 1.** In much of this article, author Mackenzie Carro uses the second-person point of view: the pronoun you. Why might Carro have chosen to do this? (author's craft)
- 2.** In your own words, explain what causes kids and teens to become addicted to their phones. (key ideas)
- 3.** According to the article, why is being addicted to your phone a problem? (key ideas)

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"Should Your Parents Control Your Phone?"

1. Carro writes, “Parent-operated controls could lead to frustration and arguments, and at the end of the day, they might not make you any less addicted to your phone.” Explain what she means. (inference)
2. What attitude or opinion does Carro express about parents using Screen Time and similar tools to control their kids’ phone usage? How do you know? (tone)

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Critical-Thinking Questions

"Are Phones Making Us Zombies?" and "Should Your Parents Control Your Phone?"

1. Based on the warning signs of phone addiction listed in the article, do you think YOU are addicted to your phone? Explain.
2. What is your reaction to the five ways to beat smartphone addiction sidebar on page 23? Do these strategies sound doable? Explain.
3. Is it ethical for phone and app developers to create products that are addictive? Why or why not?