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## Written Feud: Settle the Debate

Directions: Read the conversation below. Two people are arguing and can't come to an agreement. Your job is to step in and write a letter that settles the debate.



### The Feud: Phones in Class



**Ivy:**

I don't get why phones are banned in class. We use them for everything. They are great for research, notes, even calculators. It just makes sense to allow them.

**Jordan:**

That sounds good in theory, but that's not what actually happens. People don't use their phones for school. Half of the time they use them for TikTok, games, and texting.

**Ivy:**

Not everyone does that. Some of us actually use our phones the right way. Why should everyone be punished because a few people can't handle it?

**Jordan:**

Because it becomes a distraction for everyone. Even if you're focused, someone next to you scrolling is going to pull your attention away.

**Ivy:**

But banning phones completely is extreme. Teachers could just set rules instead of taking them away.

**Jordan:**

We've tried rules. People ignore them. That's why schools just ban them. This way is easier and actually works.

**Ivy:**

I still think students should learn self-control. In real life, no one is taking your phone away. School should prepare us for that.

**Jordan:**

Or maybe school is the place where you build that discipline first.

