English 10 Humanities
Persuasive SOL Prompt – Writing Pre-Assessment

Directions: Read the following Persuasive Writing Prompt (SOL-style) carefully. Do your best to write a careful, thorough and grammatically correct response to it. "Aim for" a five-paragraph format, although the essay does not have to be specifically five paragraphs long. Instead, it should be "as long as it needs to be," but should be thorough and answer the question fully.

You are not required to finish this prompt for homework. I will give you some class time to review and polish it on Thursday. However, you should use the full time before lunch to complete it. You may attach your own paper if you need extra space.

PROMPT: Some schools use cell phones in the classroom for educational purposes. Think about the effects of allowing students to have and use cell phones in classrooms. Take a position on this issue. Use reasons and specific examples to support your response.