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Forming an Opinion Graphic Organizer

You've probably read and heard a lot about teens and the Internet. Is going online good for you? Is it bad? What do you think? Read "Connection Disconnect" on page 20, then use the graphic organizer below to help you form your own opinion about whether socializing online makes you less or more social in real life.

Directions: Based on the article "Connection Disconnect," list arguments for and against the statements below. Then, form your own opinion on each statement and explain your reasoning in the last column.

Statement	Arguments For	Arguments Against	My Opinion and Why
Social network sites allow teens to connect to friends, celebrities, and world news.			
Teens spend many hours online.			
Young people go online to play video games, write, and create art.			