



## TEXT #5

### ***The Positive Impact of Social Networking Sites on Society***

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Complexity Level: Measures at 1190L.

Conversational approach should make this article accessible to all high school students.

Source/Link: [makeuseof.com](http://www.makeuseof.com), self-described as “a booming daily blog that features cool websites, computer tips, and downloads that make you more productive.”

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/positive-impact-social-networking-sites-society-opinion/>

#### TEXT NOTES

*See text notes for Text #4*

Sample Text-Dependent Questions (to drive initial close reading and discussion):

1. Parrack organizes his discussion of the positive impacts of social networking into six related areas. What are the key assertions he makes about social media in one of these areas? What evidence, if any, does he cite to support his assertions?
2. In what ways do Parrack’s assertions in this article contrast with his assertions in his article about negative impacts?