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Cell Phones in Schools

As smartphones become more and more common, the debate about whether students in schools should be able to use them rages on. Some say that cell phones can be used for positive reasons like research and student safety. Students can use their phones for many productive purposes: using the calculator, looking up the definitions of words, organizing their assignments in a calendar, and using apps to study. They also argue that allowing students to use cell phones in school prepares students for adult life, in which they will use technology daily.

Teachers, however, argue that phones are too distracting. They say that kids are often too tempted to play games, text each other, and take pictures during instructional time. They can also cheat on assignments by looking up the answers online. Teachers do not trust that students will use their phones responsibly or appropriately if they have them. They believe that phones are too much of a distraction and take away from a student's overall education.

Use the RACE strategy to answer the following question, using the checklist as you write.
Do you think kids should have phones? Explain using reasons from the text.

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