

Types of Evidence

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One of the first-year-student orientation initiatives at a local university is to collect incoming students' cell phones and keep them for 48 hours. The purpose of the initiative is to give students an opportunity to integrate into their new school culture and make friends on campus. Carefully consider the effects of this initiative and the extent to which they might support, complicate, or contradict its intended goals.

- On an *index card*, compose a thesis statement that you might use for an essay arguing your position on the advisability of the 48-hour cell phone ban.
- Then — using the *chart* below — provide six pieces of evidence from your reading, experience, and/or observations. Construct brief commentary for each piece of evidence.

TYPE OF EVIDENCE	SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE	RELEVANT COMMENTARY
facts		
anecdotes		
analogies		
statistics		
examples		
details		
illustrations		
expert opinions		
personal observations		
personal experiences		
testimonies		
experiments		

