Growing Up Digital: Word for Hushfulness

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Mr. Diesel had Vishal as a student in cinema class and describes him as a “breath of fresh air” with a gift for filmmaking. Mr. Diesel says he wonders if Vishal is a bit

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For some, the amplification is intense. Allison Miller, 14, a shy student who tends to be heavy texters and Facebook users. Students who are less social might escape into games, while drifters or those prone to procrastination, like Vishal, might

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While she respected his passion for film and his technical skills, he had to use them productively.

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Friends in the group Vishal joins for lunch each day.

It’s obvious that the students are in a rush. Every minute counts. Twenty minutes before the end of the school day, and students are starting to pack up their

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Growing Up Digital, Wired for Distraction by Matt Richtel, The New York Times. Encourage students to read additional articles if feasible. Closing, You’ve had several opportunities to read, annotate, and discuss articles. Now it’s time for you to do research. Take the skills that you’ve learned in reading, annotating, and examining arguments and apply them independently to new articles. Use the Independent Research Workflow to guide your assessment of articles. In the article “Growing Up Digital, Wired For Distraction” written by Matt Richlet is about the technology from generation to generation and how it affects students lifestyle and academics. Nowadays, some people tend to have a shorter attention span just like Vishal and even other students. They spent a lot of time on video games, and scanning on popular websites such as Facebook and YouTube. However, there are other people who were not into this new technology, because they believed that these could lead to distraction to students. Matt Richlet