Faux Friendship Example Essay

Example #1

I can’t agree with the author when he says, “The friendship circle has expanded to engulf the whole of the social world.” Facebook is the place where people can easily reach their friends. When I first came here to the United States, I didn’t have any friends or relatives with me, so I felt bored and I missed my friends and family members. But nowadays I don’t feel like I’m missing anybody. By using Facebook, I have found many of my friends. I feel happy when I chat with them. So, Facebook brings my friends closer to me.

This paragraph should be about how, while you **agree** with this quote, you do not agree with the author that this is a bad thing or that it cheapens relationships.

Example #2

The author says “there they are, my friends, all in the same place,” and that is completely right. Before inventing social network sites, people used to write letters or use the phone to communicate with their friends and relatives in different parts of the world. Writing letters and making phone calls are expensive and hard to do. For example, many of my childhood friends live around the world. I have never thought of communicating with all of my friends before the invention of social networks. When using Facebook, I can communicate and share different things with friends as if I were gossiping with them in my childhood. Now people don’t have to spend money and don’t have to wait for letters or phone calls. Social networks make our lives easy.

Add something that makes the relationship **explicit.** “… Because of the convenience Facebook gives us, my friends are all accessible in one place, so now people don’t have to spend money and don’t have to wait for letters or phone calls. Social networks make our lives easy.”

-       Don’t make a new paragraph for your thesis!

-       What does “however” mean?

o   Show disagreement/contrast between two things. Almost just like “but.”

-       “So” – means “as a result.”

o   “My friend worked hard. **This hard work helped prepare him for the future and made him successful throughout school and in his career.** So, I believe kids should have to compete in school.”

Example Essay (This one *is* a complete essay):

As long as social websites keep developing their services, friendship will turn out to be a virtual interaction where we will not know if we are talking with real friends. One of the articles that talks about this issue is “Faux Friendship.” Its author, William Deresiewicz, describes how social networking sites influence our relationships with others. He points out that social websites like Facebook have allowed people to be aware of all the information related to their friends. Nevertheless, Deresiewicz also argues that the virtual way these people get the information destroys their friendships because, when they want to walk with their peers, they have to do it indirectly through images. There is not a desired communication when we use the internet like the one that we have when we talk with a friend personally.

 The author compares real friendships with networking images that represent, in some way, imaginary interactions when we try to communicate with people. Through time, society has become engaged to the new era of social networking sites. The unprecedented opportunity for individuals to create a visual self has become a necessity. However, it is important to have a virtual profile to be considered a friend? Deresiewicz says that when people make use of these social websites to talk, in fact, they are addressing images. In my personal experience, I have been enjoying communicating myself through Facebook. Nevertheless, I cannot deny that I would rather be talking directly with my friends in person that writing to them with a keyboard. By communicating with friends personally, we are more able to understand in a deep way arguments and important points made in a discussion then we can be when we communicate ourselves through social networking sites.

 All in all, it is true that social websites have helped many people to communicate with each other. However, we should realize that a virtual profile will never replace a significant interaction of two friends.

 In conclusion, we could have a long list of Facebook friends, but the reality is that real friends are the ones who are along with us and not the ones who are only exist on a virtual page. WE should think if we are still keeping a friendship with people we talk to daily or if we are creating a virtual source of loneliness where everybody can be our friends only by adding them to the long list of friendship on our social networking sites.