

READING

Comprehension

Name: _____

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Use the RACE strategy to answer the following question, using the checklist as you write.

Do you feel your school experience is adequately preparing you for adulthood?

Use details from the text to support your answer.

“Adulthood” Lessons

A growing number of Americans feel that public schools are failing to prepare students properly for adult life. These critics claim that youth should receive more instruction on organizing their personal finances, completing taxes, and basic cooking skills, among other things. They say that many students leave high school with gaps in their understanding, especially when it comes to credit card use and budgeting. This can negatively

impact their future decisions around finances. It's true that education around personal finance seems to be stagnating in the United States. In fact, only 17 states mandate that students take classes on the subject. To combat this, several schools have begun to offer additional opportunities to learn these skills with resounding success and support from their communities. Bullitt Central High School in Kentucky garnered the attention of national news outlets when they offered their students the chance to participate in an "adulthood" conference. At the conference, students had the opportunity to create and edit their resumes, learn about credit scores, and learn to change a tire. Perhaps if students are afforded more opportunities like these while they are in high school, fewer young adults will have to seek out additional education to learn these basic skills.

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