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Unspoken Beliefs

Directions: Read each short passage carefully. Each author makes **assumptions**, or ideas or beliefs that are **implied but not stated outright**. Identify the **hidden assumption(s)** behind the author's words. **Explain** how that assumption reveals the author's **bias or perspective**.

1. Students can't focus for more than five minutes because they're glued to their phones. If schools truly care about learning, they'll ban phones completely and make students talk face-to-face again.

Hidden Assumption(s): _____

Explain: _____

2. Everyone knows electric cars are the future. People who still buy gas-powered vehicles are stuck in the past and don't care about the environment.

Hidden Assumption(s): _____

Explain: _____

3. If students don't like what's served in the cafeteria, they should pack their own lunch. Schools can't be expected to please everyone, and kids just need to stop complaining.

Hidden Assumption(s): _____

Explain: _____

4. Teenagers these days don't want to work hard. Businesses are desperate for help, but young people just expect everything to be handed to them.

Hidden Assumption(s): _____

Explain: _____
