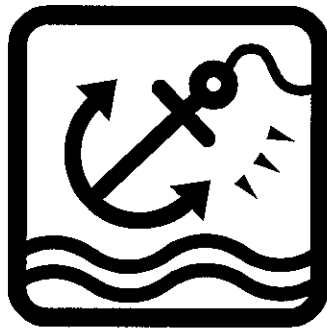


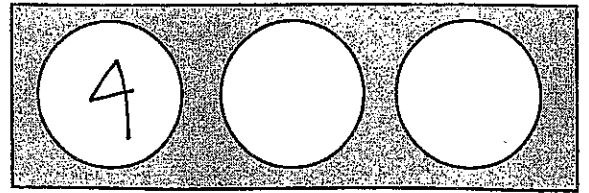
Oakland Unified School District Writing Proficiency Project



7th Grade Persuasive Anchor Papers TV Good or Bad? Prompt

Note: Please do not use the anchor papers with students prior to the administration of the Process Writing Assessment

Writing Sample



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How Is TV Good or Bad for Kids?

How much time do people spend on their couches watching TV? For most people, the answer to that question is a lot. At least a portion of almost everyone's day is spent watching TV. The question here is, is TV good or bad for kids? I think watching TV is bad for kids for many reasons.

I think watching TV is bad for kids because it causes them to be lazy and possibly obese. Kids will spend too much time watching TV programs for physical activities. Also, kids generally like to eat snacks while watching TV. That is why you see everyone eating something at movie theaters. Lack of exercise and constant snacking can lead to health problems such as obesity later on, if not sooner, in life. Furthermore, kids will want to catch their favorite shows and not do their chore or their homework. TV watching will cause kids to have health problems.

Another reason watching TV is bad is because TV can influence kids in bad ways. There are many commercials advertising cigarettes and shows with

characters that smoke which will make kids think smoking is okay. Many programs on TV talk about drugs, too. Kids might start thinking drugs are not as bad as people make it out to be and drugs will make them look cool. Stealing is a common subject on TV as well. Shows sometimes make stealing look like it is cool. Kids might really start thinking that way and go stealing themselves. TV can give kids wrong impressions of many things.

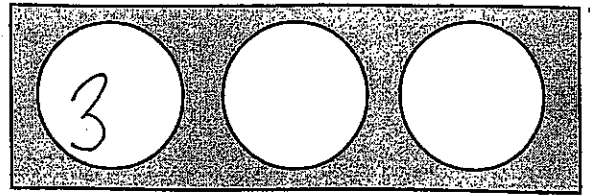
Although some people think TV is good, I think TV is bad because there is a lot of violence.

Some people might say that you can use the parental controls and lock all the shows with violence in them. However I think that if kids really want to watch those violent programs, they will find a way to do just that. Parents can't really keep their eyes on their kids 24/7. It is not good for kids to watch violent shows. They will think violence is okay and start acting violent toward others. Violent shows are worse than you think.

In conclusion, these reasons are why I think TV is bad for kids. TV can cause kids to have serious health issues. Bad influences could come from watching TV. Finally, TV programs contain a lot

of violence that is bad for kids. Are we trying to give TV a bad reputation or is this really just the truth?

Writing Sample



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Topic: Television Dangerous?

When you were a kid, did you watch a lot of television?

Well, television is bad for kids. It's bad for their health. It's also harmful because some kids copy what they see on t.v. It gives kids bad ideas and causes problems.

Television is bad for your health if you watch too much, it hurts your eyes. Children between the ages of one and three who watch a lot of television are more likely to have attention problems. It also causes obesity, you risk getting fat from eating snacks while watching t.v.

Television is harmful because of the shows, there's more violent shows than educational ones. So kids copy them and causes problems. Some kids like playing with toy weapons

like fake guns, knives, etc. When they use real weapons, they're more likely to be dangerous with them.

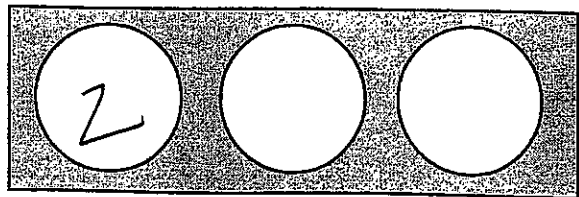
Most kids think of bad things like the violence on television.

Even though kids know that the violence they see is not real, their brains might not know between fantasy and real violence. There's also a lot of racial comments and gender stereotypes on t.v.

Yes, kids do learn from some television shows like "Blues Clues", "Dora the Explorer", etc. My little cousin learned different shapes and how to count, but not all shows are educational. For example, "South Park" is violent and teaches kids that violence is funny. My cousin was watching "Smack Down" and tried to copy what he saw. He tried to do the 360 on the bed, but jumped too far and hit his leg on the wall. It was swollen and my other cousins laughed at him.

That's why I think t.v. is bad. Little kids copy what they see without thinking. It also cause health problems. Not all television shows are educational, so be aware of what your kids watch.

Writing Sample



START ESSAY HERE T.V IS good. Do not write in this box.

"Click!" the sound of the T.V. being turned on. When I turned it on the weather announcer, said "As you could see Oakland, all this week there going to be rain and snow." My brother and I jumped of excitement. As I jumped I told my mother see T.V IS good you get information. Look mom and dad T.V IS educational, intertaining and informative.

SEE, MY FIRST REASON, WHY I THINK IS good to have TV, IS BECAUSE ~~and~~ watch "Blue's Clues, Dora the Explorer, Sesame Street and other educational ones." When they watch this they remember new thing like their colors, shapes and how to speak a new language like Dora teaches. SEE MOM remember when Chava went to pre-school his teacher told you that he

was the smartest one on ^{the} colors,
and ^{the} shapes? "Oh' yeah huh' "When
Ms. Katy told us ^{my mom said} "I remember" I said
"see mom?"

My second reason mom is
you can control T.V. Like see
a goal ^{for your self.}, to watch 1hr of T.V
each day in stead of watching 4hrs.
And you could do exercise and
watch T.V at the same time.

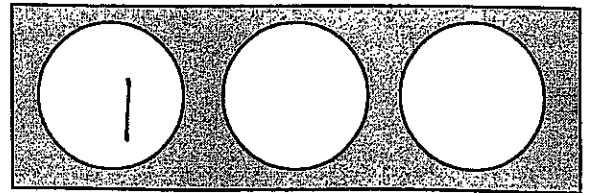
T.V is good mother.

My third reason is T.V can
be a way to relax and enjoy
break. Like parents and kids
get tired of school and work.
They can watch T.V where it
relaxing.

Well, I know that T.V is
bad for your eyes. But you can
be a way of time a bit, to
to close.

So what do you think is it
good or bad?

Writing Sample



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Television is popular with kids all over the country. It helps kids learn about what's going on in the world it helps kids learn about the stuff they need to know.

Dora the explorer helps you learn Spanish and Blues clues helps you learn shapes and solve problems Barney helps you with clocks and Diego

OUSD 7th Grade Anchor Papers: *Is TV Good for Kids?*

<i>Paper</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Is TV Good or Bad for Kids?	4	<p><i>Clear, straightforward persuasive writing that corresponds to a 4 Advanced for these reasons:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear position is supported throughout (<i>I think watching TV is bad for kids for many reasons.</i>) • Arguments are well-supported and effective transitions within and between paragraphs link ideas (<i>Also..Furthermore...Another reason...</i>); final sentence is effective • Concession is thoughtful and writing considers counterargument from more than one perspective • Sentences are varied, language is specific (<i>physical activity, obesity, influence, advertising, reputation.</i>) • Clear control of writing conventions though some minor errors
Is Television Dangerous?	3	<p><i>Writing that supports a clear position and corresponds to a 3 Proficient for these reasons:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position is clear and straightforward • Writing presents many reasons to support position. Some reasons are just listed and others are supported by a more detailed explanation. • Counterargument is presented and used to support position. Writing shows awareness with direct questioning of reader (<i>When you were a kid, did you watch a lot of television?</i>) • Language is clear but sometimes too colloquial. Sentence variety is limited. • Writing shows control of conventions. Some issues with sentence boundaries.
T.V is good?	2	<p><i>Writing presents a position and corresponds to a 2 Developing for these reasons:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction begins in a clever way and leads to position • Position is supported through examples, conclusion is abrupt • Some confusion about audience: writer talks to “mom” throughout; counterargument is undeveloped • Sentence types are varied • Errors interfere with meaning
“Television is popular with kids...”	1	<p><i>Writing that corresponds to a ‘1’ Emerging:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position is evident though not clearly stated • Position is developed with three reasons very briefly. There is no introduction or conclusion. Writing ends abruptly. • Reader awareness is difficult to identify. • Run-on sentences • Errors interfere with meaning