

Television - Harmful to Children

1. Over the past forty years, television sets have become standard pieces of equipment in most homes, and watching television has become a standard activity for most families. (Hook, good/bad?) Children in our culture grow up watching television in the morning, in the afternoon, and often in the evening as well. Although there are many excellent programs for children, many people feel that television may not be good for children. In fact, television may be a bad influence on children for three main reasons (Thesis).

2. First of all, some programs are not good for children to see (Topic sentence 1). For example, there are many police stories on television. People are killed with guns, knives, and even cars. Some children might think that these things could happen to them at any time. Therefore, they can become frightened. In addition, some youngsters might begin to think that violence is a normal part of life because they see it so often on television. They may begin to act out the violence they see and hurt themselves or their playmates.

3. Second, television can affect children's reading ability (Topic sentence 2). Reading requires skills and brain processes that watching television does not. If children watch television too many hours each day, they don't practice the skills they need to learn how to read.

4. Finally, television may affect children's schoolwork in other ways (Topic sentence 3). If they spend too much time watching television, they may get behind in their homework. Also, if they stay up to watch a late movie, they may fall asleep in class the next day. Consequently, they will not learn their lessons, and they could even fail in school.

5. In conclusion, if children watch too much television or watch the wrong programs, their personalities can be harmed (Thesis reworded). Furthermore, their progress in school can be affected.

Therefore, parents should know what programs their children are watching. They should also turn off the television so that their children will study (clincher, good/bad?).

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