



No TV?!

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Introduction

This is a writing prompt that requires students to write an opinion piece while at the same time examining the effects of modern-day technology on how we live our lives.

Learning Objectives

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.1](#); Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.

Materials Needed

- Copies of graphic organizer for each student
- Copies of rubric for each student

Procedure

1. After sharing how they spend their spare time at home, students will be very engaged. Now, look at the list of activities. Tell students that we will now mark off anything on the list that requires technology. Explain to students that means no television, movies, video games, computers, tablets, smartphones, etc.
2. Then, ask students to imagine a world in which none of these things had been invented. Have them turn and talk to their writing partner about how they would spend their time at home if that were the case.
3. Guide students in how to complete the following [graphic organizer](#).
4. After students complete the graphic organizer, have them complete their writing.

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Evaluation

Have students use the rubric below to evaluate their own writing and/or their writing partner's writing. After they have used the rubric to improve their writing, use the same rubric to grade the assignment.

Categories	4	3	2	1
Sentences	6 or more complete sentences included.	4 or 5 complete sentences included.	2 or 3 complete sentences included.	1 complete sentence included.
Punctuation	All sentences end with correct punctuation.	Most sentences end with correct punctuation.	Some sentences end with correct punctuation.	Little or no sentences end with correct punctuation.
Capitalization	All sentences begin with a capital letter.	Most sentences begin with a capital letter.	Some sentences begin with a capital letter.	Little or no sentences begin with a capital letter.
Neatness	All words are neat and clearly written.	Most words are clearly written.	Some words are clearly written.	Illegible
Topic	All sentences are on-topic.	Most sentences are on-topic.	Some sentences are on-topic.	Little or no sentences are on-topic.

Total: 20/20 possible