



You Need This! – Wearable Tech

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Introduction

Wearable gadgets, like the Apple Watch and Fitbit, are types of technology that used to only be included in futuristic movies and tv shows. Students will write a persuasive essay convincing someone to buy any wearable technology item.

Learning Objectives

- ([CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.1](#)) Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- ([CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.1.A](#)) Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.
- ([CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.1.B](#)) Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.

Materials Needed

- Images of wearable technology

Procedure

1. Put students in small groups. Tell students to discuss reasons people might give for needing wearable technology, as well as reasons they would not need it. Have each group make a chart with those reasons. Then each group should discuss some arguments against wearable technology.
2. Students should then be given time to write a persuasive essay independently on the topic using the following prompt:

Write a persuasive essay telling your audience what wearable technology is and why they need it. Give evidence to support your claim.

Evaluation

After completing their writing, students can either complete a self-evaluation or exchange papers for a peer-evaluation. Revisions should be made based on this evaluation and then submitted to the teacher for grading.

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