Essay

Television, The Creeping Influence

Your television is a great source of communication, it can bring a whole world right into your living room. Television is the most common means of communication today, not only does it bring you information such as weather or news, it can be entertaining as well. Television is means of creating jobs or calling on new inventions. It creates a dream world for people to believe in.

Television is everywhere you are, it is in your house, which you may have 2 or 3. All of your friends most likely have T.V.’s, some of them plain or even some sophisticated models which are almost full computers. There are bad influences that come from your T.V. that may not even realize.

The television of today tries to grip you into watching too much. The first thing you usually do when you get home is turn your T.V. on whether or not you are planning to watch it or not. You tend to try to study with your television going, which is hardly any way to learn with your favorite program going on, and you trying to figure out a math problem. You might even not even do the homework you should, and just watch the show.

Television can draw you into just living to watch it. It can make you lazy with no ambition to do work, so socialize with your friends. It is made up of a lot of violence which can influence you to do also. If you see violence every day you want to have it around you pretty often.

Television is nice to have and to watch, but used wrongly it can be a downfall to you. A lot of its negative effects come on you without you even knowing it. A wise ideal would be to analyze what you watch and keep away from and bad parts of it.

Commentary

The thesis is clear; “There are bad influences that come from your TV....” The writer supports the thesis with three points, divided among two paragraphs. And she refers to the thesis again in a concluding paragraph. But the essay indicates a low level of mastery.

The first paragraph has no point. This survey of the topic, while allowing the writer to avoid an abrupt statement of the thesis, fails to lead the reader in any one direction. The first paragraph appears to be a false start.

The third paragraph addresses a single point, but the writer fails to develop the point with examples from her experience, referring instead to general situations involving “you.”

In the fourth paragraph, the writer merely repeats the same point, again without specific examples. In addition, the writer violates the logic of the paragraph by including another supporting point, that TV “is made up of a lot of violence which can influence you... also,” which is not developed either.

Besides the numerous errors in spelling and punctuation, there are errors in word choice (e.g., “a wise ideal,” “creating jobs or calling on new inventions”) and syntax (e.g., “Television is everywhere you are, it is in your house, which you may have 2 or 3.”).