

English 96

Essay #5: Winn's "Television: The Plug-In Drug"

Essay Length: 750+ words (3+ handwritten pages)

Topic

Write an essay in which you respond to the following question: Do you agree with Winn's analysis of television's effect on the modern family? Be sure to explain clearly Winn's analysis, the ways in which you agree and/or disagree with it. As always, be sure to use specific examples from your own reading and/or experience to illustrate your claims.

General Hints

1. Read the topic a couple of times and note what it requires you to do. Complete all the tasks of the assignment.
2. Take time to plan and organize your essay before you begin to write. (Scratch outlines are often quite helpful.)
3. Be sure to start with a clear main idea. (In other words, make sure you can answer this question: "What is the main point I want my readers to understand?")
4. Make sure that you support or illustrate general points with specific examples and vivid details from your own experience and from the text (when appropriate).
5. Allow yourself enough time after writing to go back over your essay, check for errors or omissions, and make any necessary corrections.