**Television – positive or negative effect on society?**

Brainstorming notes done in class:

\*Comedies (ex – Friends)

\*Cartoons (ex - Sponge Bob)

\*Informative shows (ex – News, weather, history, political)

\*Commercials (ex – Smoking, politics, animal abuse, starving kids, buy this merchandise, food)

\*Reality shows (ex – Biggest loser, survivor)

\*Entertainment (ex – Netflix, on demand movies, sports, celebrity gossip)

Positive effects with examples

1. TV can be informative (ex – the NEWS tells us what is going on in our world or the Weather channel can update us on dangerous storms)
2. TV can be educational (ex – Sesame Street teaches letters, numbers and anti-bullying behaviors while the History channel teaches us about WWII)
3. TV can be entertaining (ex – laughing is good for the soul and relaxes you after a day of work. The Wii can allow you to exercise and stay healthy)
4. TV commercials can sway you to make a difference (ex – donate money to help out starving kids or abused animals, pledge to not text while driving or be a friend and stand up to bullies)

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Negative effects with examples

1. TV can have a bad influence on your character due to poor content or inappropriate behaviors (ex – obnoxious or violent cartoons/shows, reality series endorsing immoral habits and sports that show bullying or rage)
2. TV can be unhealthy (ex – if you watch too much your vision will go bad, you will become obese as you sit like a couch potato, and you will rot your brain)
3. TV commercials can tempt/sway you in a negative way (ex – smoke this new vapor cigarette which is only half as bad as a real one, You must try this new juicy whopper for only $1 and if you want to be beautiful but this)

4 Paragraph Essay requirements

1. Intro with catchy hook to your reader (start with a question or a solid statement, then take a persuasive stand with a strong voice – 3 sentences)
2. First persuasive reason with 1-2 detailed examples to back it up (5-7 sentences)
3. Second persuasive reason with 1-2 detailed examples to back it up (5-7 sentences)
4. Conclusion – restate your stand and wrap up with a catchy persuasive line to keep your reader on your side (3 sentences)