Writing Prompts

Professional Communications OER: Writing

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# Introduction

Choose a prompt from the following list for your in-class writing exercise. Your goal is to write a persuasive short essay that convinces your reader to come around to your viewpoint on the topic. You may agree or disagree with the topic you choose, taking either view in your essay. You may also decide to choose a topic of your own, with approval from your instructor.

# Prompts

1. Our reliance on digital technology is making us a happier and more cooperative society.
2. Zoos are detrimental to animal welfare and should be closed.
3. Junk food vending machines are damaging to young people’s health and should be removed from all institutions where people under the age of 18 are in attendance.
4. Television has a negative influence on young people’s lives, and everyone under the age of 18 should have their television viewing strictly controlled.
5. Science fiction is a juvenile form of amusement, used to escape real-world problems.
6. The Canadian minimum wage should be raised to $20 per hour for all full-time workers in all provinces.
7. Voting should be required by law for all citizens 18 and over.
8. Online privacy is an impossible goal and is not in the best interest of the masses.
9. All illegal drugs should be made legal, and any citizen over the age of 18 should be allowed to purchase and use any drug that they choose.
10. Canada should immediately stop importing goods from countries known to allow child labour.
11. The legal driving age in Canada should be raised to 21.
12. Reality television is highly artificial and damaging to our society.
13. Music downloads are taking money from the artists and contributing to a degradation of the music industry. Paid downloads and streaming websites are as problematic as pirated downloads and should be stopped.
14. The environmental benefits of electric transportation are so great that automobile manufacturers should be mandated to produce only electric/renewable-powered vehicles from 2020.
15. Text messaging is having a positive influence on youth communication and is making the English language better.

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