



Persuasive Writing Prompt



“Should Kids Play Video Games?”

More than ever before, kids enjoy playing video games in their spare time. While most kids love them, many adults have mixed feelings about the influence video games have on children and teens. Some adults think video games are a good influence. For example, video games can increase eye-hand coordination and help kids develop problem-solving skills. On the other hand, some adults feel video games may be too violent for kids. They also think that gamers are not getting enough fresh air and exercise. Do you think video games are a positive or negative influence on children and teens? What reasons could you give for your opinion? Write a persuasive essay to convince an adult that your opinion on video games is the correct one!



Choose **PLAY** or **DON'T PLAY**



PLAY Video Games. (I think video games are a positive experience for kids.) Think about these questions as you fill out your Planning Map:

- How can kids benefit from playing video games?
- Explain how a specific game (or games) has helped you. What did you learn from playing this game?
- What tips could you give gamers to help them lead a balanced life?
- What persuasive signal words can you use to make your argument stronger?

DON'T PLAY Video Games. (I think video games are a negative experience for kids.) Think about these questions as you fill out your Planning Map:

- What are the drawbacks of playing video games?
- Explain how a specific game (or games) might be a negative influence on kids. How could this game poorly affect kids?
- What other fun activities could you suggest instead of video games?
- What persuasive signal words can you use to make your argument stronger?

