

# Opinion Essay/Explanation

**Score 3**

Some people think that watching television is a waste of time. Other people think that watching television can be valuable. What are some of the benefits of watching television? Write a paper for your teacher. Support your ideas.

Do you think television is just a big dumb box? I think television deserves more respect.

TV can make you more popular at school. You can see what clothes and hairstyles are “in.” You can then try to copy them. Every girl on my favorite show is wearing this really ugly-looking skirt these days. I just hope girls at my school don’t start wearing them. You won’t catch me in a skirt like that! You can also update yourself on what all the newest slang is. Don’t watch old shows, though, or you’ll end up saying things like “Far out” and “Right on!” In this case, TV will probably NOT make you more popular.

Most important, TV is entertaining. It helps pass the time on rainy days. It helps pass the time on days when your friends can’t come over. Without TV, you would feel bad. With TV, you just push a button on your remote control. Suddenly, a rainbow explodes from your set! It really brightens your day!

Last, television is informative. If you watch that music video channel, you can see whether your favorite singer finally climbed up the charts this week. If you watch the weather forecast on the news, you’ll find out whether or not to take your umbrella to school. I’m sure I could name at least a dozen more ways television is informative.

In conclusion, some think television is a big dumb box, but I think it deserves more respect.