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# Persuasive Essay - Pre-test Prompt

*Writing Situation:* A teacher, a student, and a member of the town council appear on a local TV talk show and debate whether television does more good than harm, or the reverse. The program's host invites his home audience to write in their views.

Consider the good and harm done by television. What is your position on this issue?

*Directions for Writing:* Write a persuasive essay to giving reasons you feel television does more good or is harmful.

**Use the space below for scratch paper if needed. Good luck!**