

Argumentative Writing

DIRECTIONS: Choose one of the writing prompts below. Write several paragraphs which completely answer the prompt.

Do you or people you know check your email, text, play games or surf the Internet on your phone while in the company of your friends? Are you or someone you know so obsessed with trying to photograph or video special moments that you fail to fully experience them? Is technology bringing us together or keeping us apart?

There are security cameras everywhere. Attend any event where parents are there to watch their kids do something, and you will see a crowd of raised screens, recording the event for posterity. About 100 hours of video a minute are uploaded to YouTube. Are we recording too much at the expense of privacy and memory?



Once upon a time, it was a big deal for a person to have a photograph taken. It was something that might happen once or twice in a lifetime, and photographs were valued. Now we photograph everything, all the time, so much so that images have become a kind of digital noise. Do photographs mean anything anymore?