

TELEVISION, MOVIES, AND VIDEOS

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READING

We have discussed how TV hurt the Saints, lets talk about some of the effects it has on our children.

TV is the direct opposite of reading. Reading requires a longer attention span than do TV viewing. Good children's books can be used and are written to hold children's attention, not interrupt it the way television and videos do.

For young children and some adults, television is an antisocial experience, while reading is a social experience.

Television deprives the child of his most important learning tool: Questions.

Television interrupts the child's most important language lesson: Family Conversation

Television interrupts communication between marriage partners during personal time alone.

Much television and movie watching is mindless watching, requiring little or no thinking.

Television encourages deceptive thinking.

Television and movies have a negative effect on a child's vital knowledge after age ten, according to the Schramm study of 6,000 school children.

Television and movies stifle the imagination.

Television's conception of childhood, rather than being progressive, is regressive - a throwback, in fact to the Middle Ages.

Television overpowers and desensitizes a child's sense of sympathy for suffering.

USE OF REMOTE:

The average family zaps once every three minutes, 26 seconds, versus those who have no remote, once every five minutes, fifteen seconds.

Higher income families zap three times more often than poorer families.

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