Over the decades, video games have developed into a form of entertainment enjoyed by millions. There are now more types of video games than ever for children and teenagers to choose from to pass the time. However, a disturbing trend has taken place: people have accepted the expanded availability and variety of violent video games. If we do not ban the sale of violent video games to minors, we are allowing children to be further exposed to violence, and this can have the detrimental effect of desensitizing them towards violence. The blood, fighting, and abusive language of these video games teaches young players that violence should be accepted as a part of life when they should instead be actively taught to resist.
Opening Strategies:

- The 5 W’s – the who, what, when, where and why of a situation or issue
- An interesting fact – giving a piece of information to stimulate the reader’s interest
- Taking a stand – asserting the writer’s point of view or position
- An anecdote or scenario – a short description of a situation or story illustrating a particular point
- A brief history or overview – giving the background information needed to understand the situation
- A question – asking the reader a thought-provoking question to engage interest
- A quotation or dialogue – using the exact words of a person or relating a conversation with the person that is relevant to the point being stressed
- A contrasting situation – presenting opposing sides/opinions of the situation
- A description – giving specific, vivid details to help the reader visualize the situation
- Stating the timeliness, significance, or relevance of the issue
- Combining two or more strategies above to increase the impact on the reader

Grab the reader’s attention, Set the context/define the issue, Acknowledge Different Opinions, Write a Strong Thesis Statement
Opening/Thesis: Jacobsen Middle School should participate in the national “Shut Down Your Screen Week.”

- Add clarification beneath reason(s) that require one;
- clarify at least one
Shut Down Your Screen

**Opening:** Grabs the reader’s attention, Sets the context/defines the issue, Acknowledges the other POV, defines the issue-states the problem, provides a Thesis Statement w/ a proposal
Negatives: shouldn’t use “I believe,” nor “I think”

1. **Reason 1**
   - Clarification
   - Quotes article to support reason
   - Explained importance of quote
   - Example-relates to everyday life/society
   - If – Then (C/E) situation
   - Example 2- personal
   - If you-This will happen

2. **Reason 2**

3. **counter**

**OR you can blow it out into a full map Next slide**
Elaboration Map

**Reason 1**

- **Evidence using a Quote**
- **Explanation of quote**
- **Example/s w/explanation (relate example to everyday life/situation)**
- **Why is this important? Provide & Explain a scenario/situation**
- **Give a suggestion/If you … this will happen . . .**
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Reason 2

Clarification ?

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