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# **RESEARCH TOPIC PROPOSAL**

**1**: What **specific, focused argumentative topic** are you proposing? Tell me what you know already about this topic. What are the different sides of this issue (what makes it argumentative)?

My topic for my paper is Modern Technology and the effects on Children. In todays society it seems every child from toddlers to teenagers have some form of technology in their reach, whether it be a tablet or a cellphone. Different parents see technology in different ways when it comes to children. Some may find it beneficial while others do not and find it more as a crutch.

**2**: What is your specific **position** on this issue at the moment? Be mindful that sometimes research can lead you to changing your mind, and that is fine.

Some parents may argue that it provides some form of educational benefits, but I see it as parents using the technology as a distraction, so they do not have to deal with the child or listen to them fuss. I was raised in the 90’s with no technology and I would consider myself well educated. I also feel as if children raised on technology or with it in reach have issues with their social skills.

**3:** What are some of the initial **research questions** you have for this topic?   
(i.e. What more do you need to learn about this topic?) List at least 5 research questions.

What are some positive impacts on children using technology?

Does technology affect children’s social skills?

Does technology give educational benefits to children?

What are some negative effects on children?

How does technology affect a child’s behavior?

**4**: Why are proposing this topic? **Justify** your answer.  
Explain why this topic interests you and/or is important to you. Why do other audiences need to be aware of this topic? Why is this a **relevant** and attention-worthy topic?

This topic interest me because I feel like everyone views this differently or has their own opinion. As I am expecting a child of my own, I am more and more interested in topics that discuss children and their development. This topic needs attention because if there is something that can be done better to improve our children in the future, we should do everything we can in order to make this happen. Our children are our future.

**5**: **How is this topic** **arguable**? In what ways is your argument something that can be debated?

This topic is arguable because everyone has a different opinion on this. Most parents generally think that technology is helping their children or that it is beneficial in some form or fashion. I for one just do not think so.

**6**: Have you seen evidence that there are facts, data, and statistics for support, instead of opinions? Where do you believe you will find credible information?

I haven’t ever actually researched this topic myself, and only heard opinions or others speak on it. I feel I will gather my most credible information on .gov or .edu sites.

**7**: What **biases or pre-conceived ideas** do you have that could affect your fair approach to this topic? How will you remain objective in your research?

I myself already feel as if technology does more harm than good when it comes to a young child’s developing mind. I will keep an open mind and allow myself to be educated on the subject and give it a fair shot to make me feel otherwise.

**8**: What challenges do you anticipate having with this topic? How will you plan to overcome obstacles in researching this topic?

I think I will have difficulty finding reliable sources to get my information from, but I will research every website I have to in order to get the information I need to write my paper successfully.