

Formal and Informal Style

<p>Formal</p> <p>Stop the Nonstop Violence on Television</p> <p>Most people enjoy television, but many shows are filled with violence. Watching too much violence on television can have many negative effects. One negative effect is that watching a lot of violence has been shown to desensitize people to violent acts. When murder and death are seen on a regular basis, it gives the viewer a sense that life isn't valuable. One other way it desensitizes viewers is that they don't see the perpetrators of violence receiving appropriate consequences. As a matter of fact, one study shows that 73 percent of all violent acts on television had no consequences. Viewers could develop the idea that they can solve problems with violence and without consequences. An additional effect of watching too much violence on television is that it can increase aggression in its viewers. Studies have shown that children and young adults who have spent many hours watching violence on television have increased episodes of hitting, impatience, and disobedience. This causes problems for them and those around them. All in all, the effects of watching too much violence on television are quite harmful.</p>	<p>Informal</p> <p>Too Much Violence on TV!</p> <p>I love watching TV as much as the next person, but I have to admit that there's lots of violence on some of TV's most popular shows. Yeah, there has always been violence on TV. Why, there were westerns in the early days of TV where people were shot all the time. The hero would shoot the bad guys, and those guys would die. Everyone would be happy. Yay! The hero made the town safe once again. Did that make kids violent? Maybe, but probably not. So what's the problem? Today's kids watch lots more TV and see lots more violent shows. We're not talking just a guy falling down when the good guy shoots him. We're talking blood and guts. I've heard that watching lots of violence can be bad for kids. They might even become more violent just because of what they watch. A kid in my class watches a lot of cop shows, and he's always getting into fights. Is that because he watches too much TV? Who knows? But my guess is all that violence doesn't help.</p>
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	Who might the audience be?	
	What is the writer's point of view—first, second, or third person?	
	What might be the purpose for writing? Was the writer successful? Explain.	
	Which words and phrases make the paragraph seem informal or formal?	
	What evidence does each paragraph present?	