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Growing Up in the Screen Age

Media Survey

Do you have a smart phone? If so, what do you use it for? If not, why not?

Where do you charge your phone? How often do you have to charge it?

On average, how many hours a day is your phone in use? What do you use it for?

Do you have a computer with Internet access in your house? Why or why not?

How many hours a day do you have a headphone ("seashell radio") in one or both ears?

Besides movie theaters, how do you watch movies?

What is your primary source of news? How do you know what is going on in the world?

How many televisions are in your house?

How many hours a day is there a television on in your house (even if no one is watching)?

Do you "channel surf"?

Do you ever fight over the remote?

How many hours of media do you consume daily?

What are your favorite media diversions (shows, apps, games, movies, websites, etc.)?

What question about media use should be on this survey but isn't?

Read the article.

ON A SEPARATE PAPER, answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. While you were reading the article, did you receive some kind of alert on the smart phone in your pocket? Explain.
2. "...neurologists are trying to figure out what all this screen time is doing to the still-forming brains of people Katherine's age..." What do you think it's doing to *your* brain?
3. Have you ever used the Internet shorthand "tbh"? If so, in what context? If not, why not?
4. "Dave Pommerening wants to figure out how to get Katherine to use her phone less." Does she use it too much? Why or why not? Explain.
5. What does having a smartphone mean to teenagers in today's world? Is it good or bad?
6. While her dad is trying to talk to her, "Katherine is looking out the window, headphones on." What is the intended effect of this sentence? What conclusion is the reader supposed to arrive at?
7. Fact: Many executives in Silicon Valley (at Google, Amazon, and other big companies that sell smart phones and products related to them) send their children to expensive private schools where cell phones are not allowed. Why do you think that is?
8. How is your experience like and/or different from Katherine's?

Staple this page to your responses and turn it in.