

Grades 9-10 Literacy: The Power of New Media

Directions to Students

You have read information from several sources, heard from other young people, and done some research and thinking about media in your own life or in world affairs. When you consider what all these different sources say about the effects of media use:

- What are the gains?
- What are the dangers for the lives of young people? And for a larger society?

Write a short (750 words) essay in which you:

- Explain what's at stake: Why does this issue matter?
- Develop and state your own position.
- Defend your position with a range of different types of evidence (interviews, observations, research data, and newspaper reports, etc.).
- Include research that you may have conducted.
- Draw your own conclusions about the effects of media on young people and the world.