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Rogerian Argument

Dear Sara,

It has been a long time since we have met, the distance between us separated us, yet I can never forget you or forget our conversations. Most of the times we have had the same opinions and the same points of view on different aspects except one major subject which was benefits of video games to children.

Being my cousin, I know the way you were raised in. Video games weren’t allowed during the school days and were only allowed during the summer for little time each day. I understand that the reason behind this was your and your siblings benefit which was reflected in your grades. You have grown up believing that video games makes you care less about your studies, teaches you violence and makes you antisocial. These reasons were probably because it took you’re time from studying and from friends.

In my point of view, I believe that the sum of the little parts make the large pictures. By this I mean that our life needs to be a combination of different things. Video games provide us pleasure and make us happy when playing them. Therefore, the time that it takes is as well important and precious because it increases our morale and keeps us temporarily happy.

In addition, recent scientific studies have shown that video games have benefits and reflect positively to its players. According to the American Psychological Association (APA) article that was entitled, “The Benefits of Playing Video Games” by authors Isabela Granic, Adam Lobel, and Rutger C. M. E. Engels stated that there are 4 types of positive impact that video games can have on kids which are cognitive (by increasing attention, focus and reaction times), motivational, emotional and social because they learn co-playing, multiplaying and know more people from different cultures through these games.

Those factors don’t deny the fact that if overused they may start to be a waste of time. To avoid misuse, video games can be allowed during school days after completing the homework as a reward, having kids improving their cognitive skills and still enjoying what they’re doing. In addition many learning video games are now present and so some of those games could be included to their game list. I hope that I was able to convince you and to reach a good compromise. Hope to hear from you soon.

Your cousin and friend,

Fadwa.