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Reality TV and Society

Directions: Read the article on page 64 of your “The Powers That Be” workbook. Then, complete the questions and writing prompt below.

Question 1:

What position does the “Point” author take in the debate over reality TV? Cite two pieces of evidence from the Point essay to support your answer.

Question 2:

The “Point” author uses the opinion of comedian Tom Green to support the argument. How does Green’s opinion help the author explain what has caused the quality of TV to decline? Cite specific evidence from the fourth paragraph of the “Point” essay to support your answer.

Question 3:

What position does the “Counterpoint” author take in the debate over reality TV? Cite two pieces of evidence from the fifth and sixth paragraph of the “Counterpoint” essay to support your response.

Question 4:

Use context clues to determine the meaning of the word **degenerated** as it is used in the first paragraph of the Point section in “Reality TV and Society.” Write your definition of “degenerated” and identify the clues that helped you figure out the meaning. Look up the word in the dictionary to confirm or revise your definition.

Question 5:

Use context clues in the sentence and in surrounding sentences to determine the meaning of the word **controversy** as it is used in the first paragraph of the Counterpoint section in “Reality TV and Society.” Write your definition of “controversy.” Then look up the definition in the dictionary to confirm or revise your meaning. Tell how you determined the meaning of the word, explaining how your definition supports the idea of a debate between the two authors in the text.

Writing Prompts: Complete one of the following writing prompts on a separate sheet of paper, and attach it to this worksheet.

Prompt 1:

Of the two arguments, which do you think is more persuasive? Why? Explain your answer in a 150-word response. Remember to cite evidence from the text to support your answer.

Prompt 2:

Read the argument you find to be less persuasive again. Why is this argument less persuasive? In a 150-word response explain how the argument develops and why you think it fails to convince its readers.