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Pokemon Go

I play Pokemon Go every day. This chant that is said by the many people who play the game. Pokemon Go is a famous app made in the Summer of 2016. This app guides players to go outside and “catch” Pokemon. This game allows the players to catch creatures with internet use. But is this game really beneficial? The evidence used as support is Is Pokemon Go Good for Our Society by Procon.org, The Psychological Pros and Cons by Psychology Today, “Pokemon Go” Craize Raises Safety Issues by Sarah E. Needleman, and Pokemon Go, The one serious problem that everyone should worry About by Bernard Marr. The reason why teenagers should not play Pokemon Go are teenagers go to places they do not know, they can be in danger, and they do not notice the world around them.

To start things off, teenagers should not play Pokemon Go because they can go to places that they do not know. If you go somewhere you do not know you might get lost. According to Sarah E. Needleman, she states, “The game could be leading people to areas where they don’t belong”(Document A, paragraph 3). Teenagers who play this game might get lost. No adolescent would want to get lost in a place they do not know. Teenagers can stop playing this game to prevent from getting lost. To download this game on your phone is a real danger. According to Bernard Marr, he wrote, “Pokemon Go uses your phone's location, your IP address, and the webpage you most recently visited before playing, all connected to your real name and account information according to the game’s privacy policy”(Document B, paragraph 2). This is a real

danger to teenagers who play this game because it turns the phone's location on. Which means that adolescents could be in danger because of predators out there. Preventing from playing this game can keep those adolescents out there safe.

Secondly, teenagers should stop playing this game because players can be in danger. Many injuries can be sustained by playing this game. According to Document D, the author wrote, "News reports say that users have tripped, fallen into a lake, crashed a car, and sustained other injuries by playing"(paragraph 1). People have crashed a car while playing this game. This sounds very similar to texting and driving. Like texting and driving, preventing from playing this game can prevent big accidents. There is so many predators out there waiting to take advantage of players of this game. According to Document D, The author states, "On the other hand, critics of the game say that when distracted players are outside they are being targeted by criminals"(paragraph 3). Many kids out there are in danger for playing this game. Many people are being robbed because they were catching Pokemon. It would be many parents' relief if their children did not play this game. This is why this game should not be played.

Finally, Pokemon Go should not be played because teenagers do not notice the world around them. This game can have a negative effect. According to Document E, The author wrote, "However, the game is also being associated with negative psychological effects"(paragraph 2). When going outside players don't realize the scenery around them. They are so distracted trying to catch little creatures that don't even exist in the real world. This game can cause a negative effect to people when it come to reality versus imagination. According to Document E, the author wrote, "and players are continuously in a heightened "stressed" state, making players less social or willing to talk with others, which can increase difficulty of

separating reality and fantasy”(paragraph 2). Teenagers need to take in the world around them. They need to be social and interact with their friends. They can not always have their heads down at their phones because of a game. If they go outside they should enjoy the nature not look down. Some people might disagree and say that adolescents should play this game because it makes them exercise. But they are incorrect because this game can lead that child to danger. This is why Pokemon Go should not be played.

In conclusion, Pokemon go should not be played because teenagers go to places they do not know, they can be in danger, and they don’t notice the world around them. This is significant because Pokemon Go is just about catching creatures, you don’t get anything in return. Why place the game and go outside if you can be in danger. Teenagers should just go outside because they want to not because of a game. Kids should not play this game because there is no point in catching Pokemon, when they can just enjoy the outdoors.

My score for this essay was a 4 and a 4.