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### Pokemon Go DWA Essay

When someone hears the word Pokemon, they automatically think of the mobile app, Pokemon Go. The game that everybody talks about. Whether it is that they caught another Pokemon or if they know a place where there is a lot. Pokemon Go is a mobile game that can be download from a phone, which allows you to catch Pokemon characters in real life in many places all over the country. It has been talked about quite a lot and has created a bunch of controversy on whether playing that game and going out places is safe for people to play the game or not. In many nonfiction articles like, “ ‘Pokemon Go’ Craze Raises Safety Issues” by Sarah E. Needleman, “Pokemon Go: The One Serious Problem Everyone Should Worry About” by Bernard Marr, “Is Pokemon Go Good for our Society?” adapted by ProCon.org, and “The Psychological Pros and Cons of Pokemon Go” adapted by from Psychology Today, all explain the different effects this game has had on us the past year. This big question is, should teenagers play Pokemon Go? There are many different opinions to this question but there are many people who would agree that teenagers should not play Pokemon Go. There are many reason why people feel this way on the app, but a few of the many are the Pokemon can lead to danger and dangerous places, and identities of many cannot be safe.

First of all, Pokemon should not be played by teenagers because it can lead to danger. Pokemon has many characters all around the country, so it would be likely that person would visit many places to find these characters. According to Sarah E. Needleman in “ ‘Pokemon Go’ Craze Raises

Safety Issues, she wrote, “The placements of PokeStops and gyms raise questions about whether players could get hurt searching unsafe areas--a dark alley or along a river, for example- particularly while staring at a smartphone screen. “Being so into the game, many people might not be aware which can be dangerous to people because you never know what you might find in places you don’t know.” In another article called “Is Pokemon Good for our Society?” it informs, “ News reports say that users have tripped, fallen into a lake, crashed a car, and sustained other injuries while playing.” Many people are getting hurt because of this game. This shows that playing this game is dangerous, soon enough these injuries will turn even more fatal than the ones current because users are not aware of what is going on.

Second of all, while using Pokemon Go, your identity and personal information is vulnerable. There have been many cases where internet has caused many identity theft, and this app, may put ours at stake, too. According to Bernard Marr in “Pokemon Go: The One Serious Problem Everyone Should Worry About,” he explains, “Pokemon Go uses your phone’s location, your IP address, and the web page you most recently visited before playing, all connected with your real name and account information, according to the game’s privacy.” Playing Pokemon can leave your identity very vulnerable and that’s very valuable. Identity thieves can take your identity and create many problems for yourself. Just by playing a game on your phone. Marr also states, “Companies want to collect as much information as possible about their customers so they can prepare for future business. Especially with apps, where we download something for free and want to start using it quickly...” This shows that it’s not just thieves you are giving your identity to, but to companies as well, which can lead to them taking advantage because they want you to have more connections with them and can be very complicated, like getting a problem that you didn’t want by playing a game.

In conclusion, as the years go by, our society is changing and developing, especially technology. And it is changing fast. So when people are downloading apps that have the kind of abilities as Pokemon Go does, and how it allows you to travel to unknown places just because you are trying to catch a fictional character, and putting yourself in a dangerous position, it is not worth it. Again, people should not play Pokemon Go because it can lead to danger and your identity can not be safe.