

BELLRINGER BOMBS

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MINUTES TO WRITE TWO

PARAGRAPHS ON THE FOLLOWING

TOPIC ONCE THE BELL RINGS

[This will be collected after 7 minutes]

After reading Edward Wilson's chapter "The Future of Life," support or challenge his position on humanity's effect on Earth using evidence drawn from your readings, observations, and experiences.

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How does the passive act of watching television or other electronic media—regardless of their content—affect a developing child’s relationship to the real world? Focusing on this crucial question, Marie Winn takes a compelling look at television’s impact on children and the family. Winn’s classic study has recently been updated to address all of the new media landscapes (social media, internet, etc.). Support or challenge Winn’s position using evidence drawn from your readings, observations, and experiences.

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"You cannot find peace by avoiding life."

Virginia Woolf

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