

“The Trouble With Television” by Robert MacNeil

Integrated Language Skills: Support for Writing an Evaluation

An **evaluation** of a writer’s arguments should identify specific supporting points that the author uses to defend his or her position. An evaluation should also determine whether each supporting point is effective.

DIRECTIONS: *Fill in the chart with Robert MacNeil’s points supporting his negative view of watching television or Susan B. Anthony’s points supporting women’s right to vote, the persuasive techniques the person uses, and an assessment of whether the overall argument is effective and sound.*

Supporting Points	
Persuasive Techniques	
Assessment	

Now, use your notes in the chart to write your evaluation. (Write your evaluation on the back of this page, or attach a separate page with your evaluation.)