Find the Kernel essays (expository)

* There are enough here for several class periods.

Read an essay.
Break it into chunks.
Summarize the chunks.
Read the summary sentences (the Kernel essay).
Use the same structure to try a Kernel essay with a different topic.

4 days before...
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For instance, television restrains children from going outside and being active. Although TV is a great source for entertainment, it’s also a negative trend-setter. Television has been around long enough for people to realize what a simple television show is capable of doing to someone’s life. People’s personalities depend on what they pay attention to most, so if someone watches a show about war all the time, then they will more than likely become a violent person. Mankind is a puppet, and television is the puppet master.

Television is used by eighty percent of Americans for at least an hour every day. Now you’re probably thinking about how much you watch TV. Well that’s normal. Since people’s lives are practically controlled by television, people should put a limit as to what kind of shows are on television. Television, over the years, has become a dominant role in an everyday human life. Did you know that TV is the cause of roughly fifteen percent of teen suicide? This question brings up another point, dramatic suicides. This is where somebody on a TV show commits suicide for the viewers entertainment. Although it’s not real, it influences people to kill themselves because it seemed so much better on TV.

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