

## Stephen King on Writing

Stephen King, author of 60 books and around 200 short stories, is mainly known for his tales of mystery, fantasy and horror. He has sold something like 350 million copies. In “Reading to Write” (50 Essays, pp. 210-214), he lets us into his thinking concerning the craft of the writer.

King doesn’t seem too impressed with what you can learn from television. Even if you agree with him, one way to hone your craft as a writer of argument is to take the opposite side and see what you can do with it, so here is your assignment for this short response:

In urging aspiring writers to turn off their televisions when exercising so they might use that time for reading, King calls TV “the glass teat” (paragraph 11). Write a response which argues that writers have something to learn from television. How might you argue that TV is not a glass teat but a source of information about the world, as well as a place where good writing can also be found?

### *Mechanical Details*

**Length:** Minimum 350 words not counting title, your name, etc.

**Format:** Standard MLA format. (12-point Times Roman type, double-spaced, 1” margin all around, MLA header.)

### *Submitting the paper*

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### *Due Date*

- **Final copy:** Friday, October 11, 2019

This essay is worth 25 points.