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Pokemon Go is a virtual game that teenagers seem to enjoy playing a lot. This game has attracted lot of teenagers and has even influenced them to go out of the house. Researchers in articles such as, “Pokemon Go’ Craze Raises Safety Issues,” by Sarah E. Needleman, “Pokemon Go: The One Serious Problem Everyone Should Worry About,” by Bernard Marr, and “Is Pokemon Go good for our society?,” from Procon.org all say teenagers should not play Pokemon Go. In my opinion, teenagers should not play Pokemon Go because it causes teenagers to search in unsafe areas, people can track you down, and it causes injuries.

Initially, one reason why teenagers shouldn’t play Pokemon Go is because it causes teenagers to search in unsafe areas. According to an article titled, “Pokemon Go’ Craze Raises Safety Issues,” by Sarah E. Needleman, she explains how, “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--...” With the placements of PokeStops and gyms not all being particularly safe, it can lead the gamer to getting lost and not know their way back home. Also in the article, a professor from the University of Toronto states, “The game could be misleading people to areas where they don’t belong.” If someone were to be misled to somewhere they don’t belong, chances are that they’ll have trouble going back home or even getting out of there. Because Pokemon Go misleads teenagers into going to places where they don’t belong and players could get hurt by it, teenagers should not play Pokemon Go.

Furthermore, another reason why teenagers shouldn't play Pokemon Go is because people can track you down. According to an article titled, "Pokemon Go: The One Serious Problem Everyone Should Worry About," by Bernard Marr, it states, "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..." This can mean that everything personal you do on your phone can be invaded and tracked down. Also in this article they explain how, "It uses a Google map and your real-world GPS location to direct you to Pokemon you can catch, and that information can be misused." This will make it easier for the people to probably kidnap you since it was Google maps and in the wrong hand, can lead to terrible consequences. Because of Pokemon Go having access to private information that can lead to people tracking you down, teenagers shouldn't play Pokemon Go.

Furthermore, another reason why teenagers shouldn't play Pokemon Go is because it causes injuries. According to an article titled, "Is Pokemon Go Good for our Society?," from ProCon.org, it states, "News reports say that users have tripped, fallen into a lake, crashed a car, and sustained other injuries while playing." It is shocking how a game like any other can cause so many injuries that can later on result as death too. Also in this article it states how, "...critics of the game say that when distracted players are outside, they are being targeted by criminals." This means that people who constantly are playing Pokemon Go have a higher risk of getting kidnapped or targeted by criminals. Because Pokemon Go has influenced kids to get out, they can be an easier target for criminals or kidnappers, which is why teenagers shouldn't be playing Pokemon Go. Although others may disagree and possibly think that it's a good way for

them to go outside and meet new places, I believe that the negatives outweigh the positives and Pokemon Go.

In conclusion, the reasons why teenagers shouldn't be playing Pokemon Go is because it causes teenagers to search in unsafe areas, people can track you down, and it causes injuries. With these three reasons, teenagers are at risk of getting their personal information hacked which would be horrible if that type of information gets put in the wrong hands. Moreover, we live in the 21st century where technology keeps advancing by the minute and more caution needs to be taken when using it.

My score for this essay was a 4 and a 4.