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## Pokemon Go

Pokemon Go was a game created for fans of the show or for people who enjoy playing video games, but pokemon go can have a negative effect on people. In the article by Sarah E. Needleman called “Days After Smart Phone App’s Launch, Players Shared Tales of Dangerous Encounter”, the article from Procon.org, and the article adapted from Psychology Today all have reasons that claim that Pokemon Go has a negative effect on people. The game Pokemon Go has been played by many people worldwide but the game has some cons towards it which are that the players get distracted, the game leads you to dangerous locations and playing the game itself is dangerous.

First and foremost, when you play Pokemon Go you get distracted. Many people are already distracted on their phones but this game heightens the ability for kids and adolescents to be distracted more easily and they could be in danger. According to ProCons.org, they claim, “... critics of the game say that when distracted players are outside, they are being targeted by criminals.” What being distracted and outside proves that you are in danger because the game, Pokemon Go, uses your location and when you are distracted you are more vulnerable to criminals. Due to the fact that being distracted whilst playing a game exposes you more to criminals that can harm you. Being distracted with your head looking at a screen can make you antisocial. In the article by Psychology Today, it claims, “... when players are outside, they are distracted by being on their phones and players are continuously in a heightened “stressed” state,

making players less social or willing to talk with others.” What this quote means is that since you don't mind looking up from your phone to interact with others or to be social with others, you are just being distracted due to what's on a screen. Due to Pokemon Go, people are constantly being distracted because they're trying to catch a pokemon. The game is dangerous because it keeps you from seeing dangers and it keeps you from being social.

Secondly, the game can take you to dangerous and unsafe locations. While playing the game you are constantly walking and staring at your phone which can take you to places you are not allowed to be at. In the article by Sarah E. Needleman, it claims, “ The game could be leading people into places where they don't belong.” This proves that while you are walking and not paying attention to your surroundings you may be heading to locations where you are not supposed to be at. Due to the fact that you could carelessly walk into a forbidden place, you may be endangering yourself. While you look for a PokeStop you could decide to take a detour through an unsafe area and you could be in danger. According to Sarah E. Needleman, she claims, “The placements of pokestops and gyms raise questions about whether players could take you to places you've never been to before and you could be risking your safety. Due to the fact that you're risking your safety for a game, Pokemon Go has a negative effect because it can lead people to unsafe locations. Pokemon Go can teach you something about where you live but traveling through unsafe areas would take the fun out of your “adventure”.

To end things off, there are many dangers that can occur to you if you play Pokemon Go. Whilst playing the game, you can get hurt depending if you're not paying attention to your surroundings. In an article adapted from ProCon.org, it claims, “News reports say that users have tripped, fallen into a lake, crashed a car and sustained other injuries while playing.” What this

quote proves is that many people that have played this game, have gotten injuries because they weren't paying attention. Due to the fact that you can get an injury from playing a game, you should stop playing Pokemon Go. According to the article by Sarah E. Needleman, it states, "The mapping technology in" Pokemon Go" doesn't warn players if a PokeStop is in an area that recently suffered storm damage or has a high crime rate, for example." Since Pokemon Go doesn't warn players about storms or crime, it's dangerous because maybe a storm has recently occurred and it may have knocked down a wire or something that can cause you harm. Due to the fact that the game can't warn you about recent natural disasters, it could be dangerous to play. Many people say that PokemonGo helps you exercise and lose weight but when you walk around not paying attention to your surroundings, you could be in a great danger. Pokemon Go is dangerous game because you may be distracted and might trip and fall.

In conclusion, the game Pokemon Go can negatively affect people. The game is well known worldwide but the same dangers and problems occur wherever the game is played. Pokemon Go negatively affects people because you get easily distracted, it leads you to dangerous locations, and the game itself is dangerous.

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