You’ll use a graphic organizer to prewrite a classification/ division assignment around a selected topic from the given list. The prewriting will demonstrate an understating of this method of categorization and arrangement. This information should come from your own knowledge on the topic. No outside

research should be used.

Topic

 You will choose one of the following topic areas. Review the graphic organizer on page 416. The graphic organizer that you create doesn’t need to have boxed outlines or arrows, but it should show your organization. Choose one of the following topics, and divide it into classes.

 Genres of movies, television shows, or video games

 As an example, the following is a graphic organizer for the topic “Types of Food.”

Essays must be typed, double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font and left justification. Use 1-inch margins at the top and bottom and 1.25-inch margins for the left and right sides of the document. Each

page must have a properly formatted header containing your name, student number, exam number, page number, mailing address, and e-mail address (see page 6 for an example). Name each document

using your student number first, then the six-digit lesson number, and finally your last name (for example, 23456789\_050177 Doe).

Save each as “File Type: Rich Text Format,” regardless of your word processing program.

**Title:** Types of Reality TV Shows

**Topic announcement:** Reality Television

**Introduction**Background: Reality television has exploded into an obsession in this country.

**Thesis statement:** Reality television has become an obsession in recent years with a little something for everyone, ranging from survivalist-type shows, to competition shows, to voyeuristic shows.

**Body Paragraphs**

**Survivalist Reality Shows**

*Survivor*

Features: value of competition plus wilderness survival.

What it is: both survivalist show and a competition show where players compete both as

teams and individuals

Interesting: Top prize of $1,000,000

Very popular; has been around for years

*Dual Survival*

Features: value of cooperation and teamwork

What it is: centers around two men dropped into new survival situation each episode

Interesting: Men have very different approaches to survival—one military, one more a

natural knowledge

*Deadliest Catch*

Features: value of hard work and cooperative work

What it is: Centers around crab fishing crews in the Bering Sea

Interesting: A true reality show, following several real crews and situations in one of the

most dangerous occupations in the world

**Competition Reality Shows**

*The Voice*

Features: value of perseverance and achievement of dreams

What it is: Singing competition

Interesting: Open to any and all, regardless of appearance, age, race, or other parameters

*The Amazing Race*

Features: value of commitment and working together

What it is: A globe-wide race, with tasks for teams to accomplish on a journey that brings

them back to an American ending point

Interesting: Has been around for many years and continues to attract audiences, probably

due to things done to keep the show interesting (celebrities, tasks, places)

*American Ninja Warrior*

Features: value of physical and mental discipline

What it is: An obstacle course competition for premium athletes

Interesting: The show is a spin-off of a similar show in Japan, and the international athletes

compete against one another at season’s end.

**Voyeuristic Reality Shows**

*Big Brother*

Features: value of relationships and honesty versus greed and manipulation

What it is: competition plus social game

Interesting: this has always appeared to be more of a social experiment than anything else.

Lock 15 people in a house for three months and watch them all self-destruct.

*Breaking Amish*

Features: value of balancing independence with making good choices

What it is: Amish teens get to experience a time period in which to be free of their Amish

trappings and life for a brief while

Interesting: In most cases, the viewer discovers that the teens are not experiencing anything

new for the first time.

*Keeping Up With the Kardashians*

Features: value of being cool and pretty

What it is: An up-close-and-personal look at all of the personal details of all of the

Kardashian family’s lives.

Interesting: The Kardashians earned their initial popularity because their father was O.J.

Simpson’s lawyer. It is amazing that the show has run for ten seasons already.

**Conclusion**

There is at least one type of reality show out there to intrigue and attract every viewer, from the history buff to the teenage girl. Many have a basis in competition, while others are simply an in-depth peek into the lives of people that viewers find fascinating. Regardless of the genre of reality show, though, all feature a specific value that viewers can identify with and aspire to, such as being disciplined, being part of a team, or simply being what the world might call “cool.”