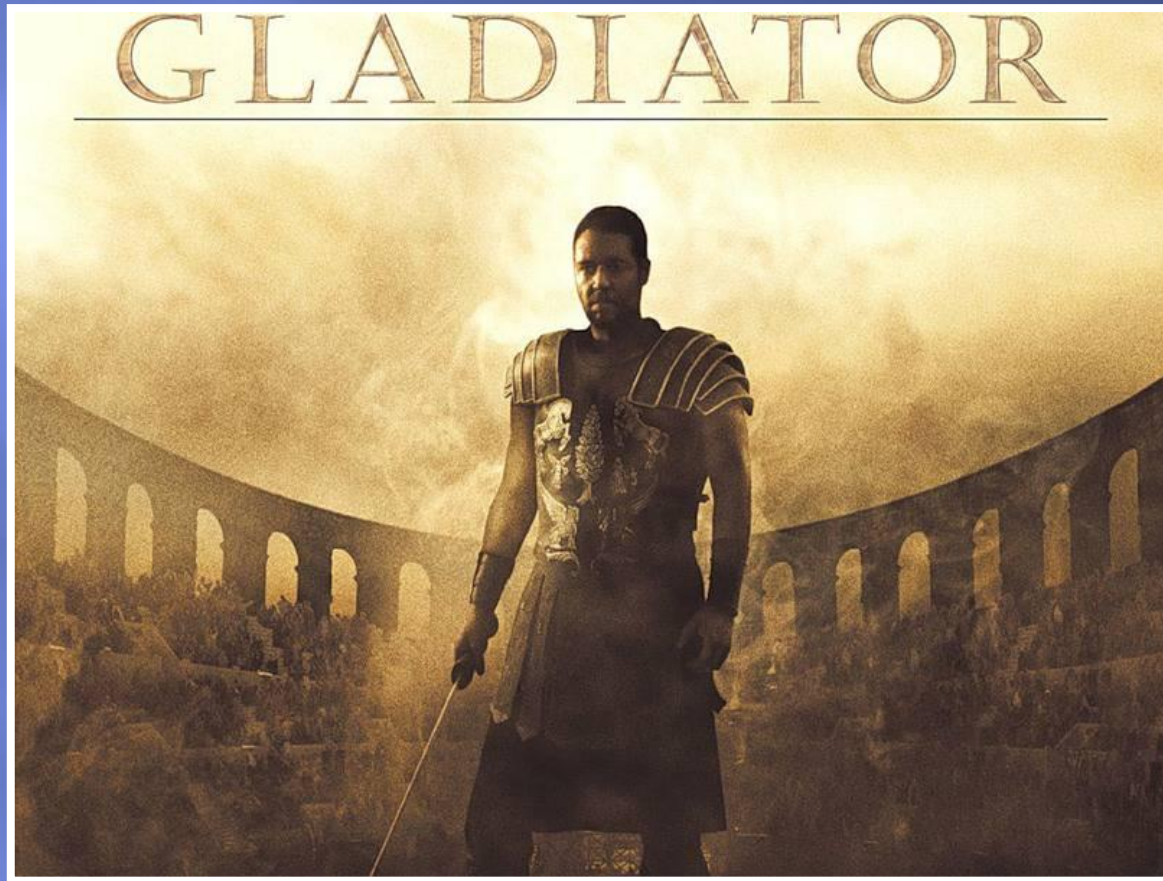


TELEVISION IN OUR LIFE



It goes without saying that television plays a very important part in our everyday life. We can't imagine our life without television. Of course watching TV has its good and bad side.





On the one hand we get information about the world from TV. It provides programmes of music, drama, light entertainment, variety and films.



We can see people taking part in different discussions, watching sport events in actual progress, listening to symphony concerts, operas and popular melodies without going to the concert-hall.

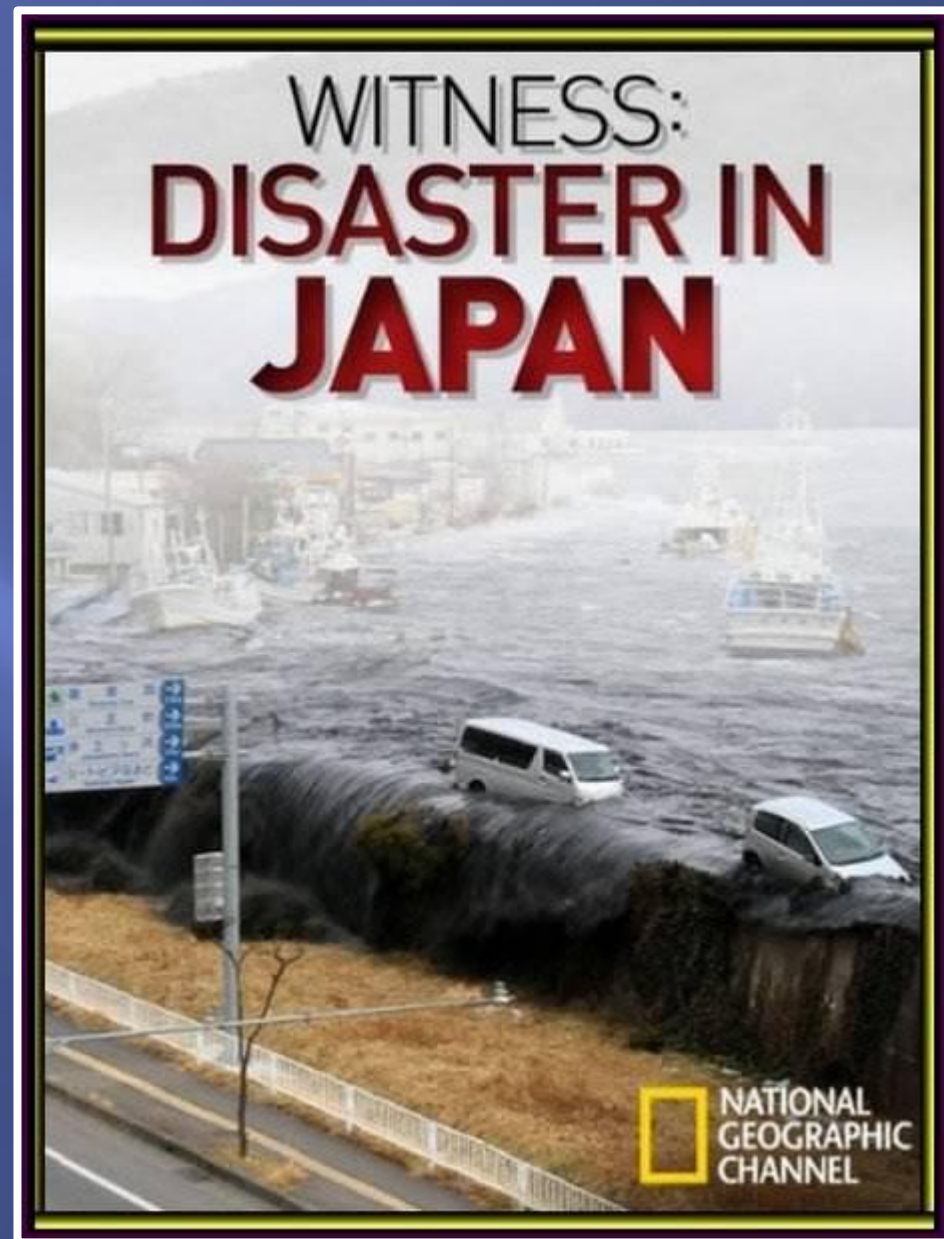


This is twice important because most theatres and concert-halls are concentrated in big cities. And the majority of the population living in the country-side has no possibility to visit them very often.





Television broadcasts
informative talks on
archeology, history,
geography, science and
technology.



We can hear critics talking about new books, films, plays and work of art.





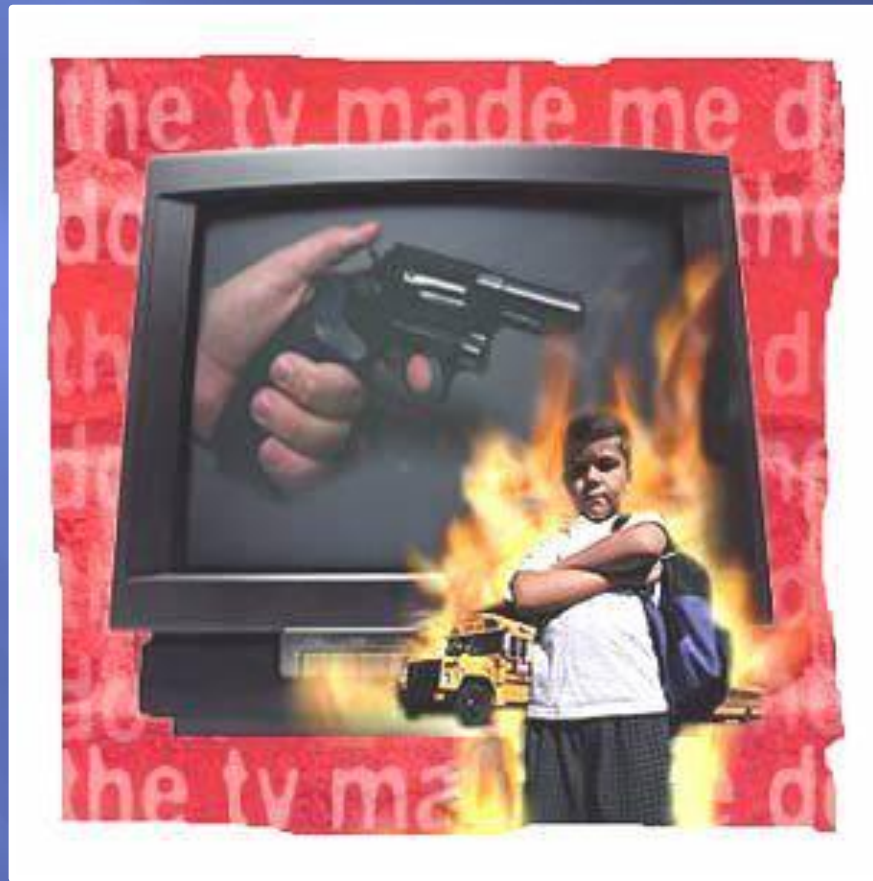
Above all there are TV programmes dealing with animals and birds and all kinds of living things in their natural surroundings. I like this programmes very much and try not to miss them.

On the other hand, we tend to view more and listen less. Television seems to have more fans than other kinds of mass media. And the influence of television can be not only positive.



Some of the films are pretty violent. People there keep hitting and shooting each other from the very beginning of the film till the end. I don't think violence is what we need now.





There's a lot of violence in our everyday life: most of the news in every newspaper seems to be about crime. All this influence people, especially children, greatly.

Scientists, doctors and psychologists say that after parents, television has the greatest influence on children today. When children spend all day in front of TV sets they cannot usually find time to read, play games, talk to their parents. Television makes children passive.



When a child watches TV, he lives the lives of TV heroes, he travels with them, does everything with them. But he is not doing anything, he is just sitting in an armchair and watching TV.





Besides, TV influence the creative abilities of pupils.

In America there was such an experiment. 250 good pupils could watch TV for many hours every day. After three weeks the pupils were tested. The results were unusually low.

When a child watches TV, everything seems very easy to him. And real life begins to seem easy. He cannot work hard because watching TV does not need hard work. That is why we should watch TV with measure, choosing the most interesting and useful programmes.



I don't think watching television is a waste of time but too much television is not good either. The best thing is to watch only selective TV programmes and not to be governed by them.

