Your Writing Logs should always have a heading including this information:

Name

Date

Log #

Article title

Your log will then have a summary that meets all the guidelines we have covered in class.

Next, your log will have a new paragraph that includes a response that meets all the guidelines we have covered in class.

Here is some information on summaries and responses:

Summary

+ Cite your source

+ Main Idea

+ Supporting details

* No small details
* No opinions

+ In your own words (paraphrase)

+ Longer than three sentences, shorter than the original

Pretend your reader has never seen the article

Response:

Your opinion

You should refer to a specific point in the article

Support and develop your opinion with facts, experiences, observations, other readings, etc

Longer than five sentences – can be as long as it needs to be

Example of Writing Log 1:

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2/7/17

Log #1

“Smart TVs”

According to Hayley Tsukayama at *The Washington Post*, a company was using its smart TVs to collect information about their owners. In the article “These Smart TVs Were Apparently Spying on Their Owners,” Tsukayama explains how there are an increasing number of “smart” appliances in homes now, but those items should not be able to record your information without asking your consent. Vizio, one of the biggest TV manufactures in the US and a company almost all of us have used, is being sued for collecting data on its users without asking first. They recorded what and how long the users watched TV and also some potentially identifying information, which Vizio then sold to advertisers.

I think Vizio was totally out of line by recording this information, and its implication for the future frightens me. Tsukayama mentioned that “advocates [of smart technology] have raised concerns about whether the devices could be sending sensitive information back to their manufacturers,” and this is definitely a huge concern of mine. I worry about the fact that “smart” appliances will soon be unavoidable. My friend even has a “smart” refrigerator! I am uncomfortable with the idea of all my home appliances having the ability to monitor and report on me. I am glad Vizio is being sued and hope it sets a precedent that will stop other smart appliance manufacturers from crossing that line in the future.