HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN



WHAT TO BUY

MOODY TEENAGERS



Christmas is a good time to remind teens that there creally is more to life than hand-held devices and video games — really. Maybe not much else, from their perspective, but these gifts should do the trick.

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Coach purse — Girls love Coach Wristlets — those tiny sateen and leather handbags just big enough to hold the obligatory cell phone, ID, and spending money. Starting at \$48 at Dillard's.



Fleece Hoodie

The best-selling North Face

Denali Hoodle is
always a safe choice for
teen girls and boys. The
ultimate fleece jacket,
they're sporty, comfortable, and warm. Available at Dick's Sporting
Goods for \$179.

Fossil watch — Teens don't actually need a watch to tell time (they have cell phones and other gadgets for that) but wristwatches have become fashion statements. Girls who like to wear a little bling will enjoy the Stella Resin Watch by Fossil, a faux diamond faced watch with a sporty white acrylic band. At Elder-Beerman for \$95.

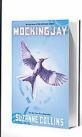
Scarves — Another can't-miss fashion accessory for girls this season — scarves preferably with fringes, ruffles, and sparkles. Dillard's carries a variety of styles and colors from Collection 18 beginning at \$28.

Beats headphones — You can't miss with a pair of Beats by Dr. Dre headphones, which promise to give listeners "the thrill of hearing tiny details you've never heard before." The overthe-ear studio headphones come in funky colors like pink, purple, and orange as well as the standard black and white. Available at Best Buy for a cool \$299.99.





Books — Among the top-selling books for teens are Suzanne Collins' The Hunger Games trilogy. The three books — The Hunger Games, Catching Fire, and Mockingjay — tell the story of a 16-year-old girl living in the futuristic Panem, the remains of what used be the United States. The science fiction adventure series will appeal to young men and women alike. Barnes and Noble has a boxed set of the three books in hardcover for \$53.99.



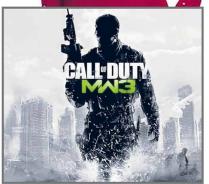




AAA Campus — AAA Northwest Ohio has a great new offer for drivers ages 17 to 23 — a AAA Student Membership that costs less, but offers more, than a standard membership. For \$35.50 a year (a price AAA will lock in for four years), young drivers will get towing service, tire changes, battery boosts, fuel delivery, and lockout service as well as Safe Ride and Safe Tow. Those allow members to call on AAA to get them and their vehicle home safely when they aren't able to do that themselves. Bike Assistance also is included for cyclists whose bikes break down. Go to aaacampus.com.



Basketball — Looking for a way to keep teens moving? Score two points with an NCAA Composite Basketball from Wilson, on sale at MC Sports for \$24.99 through Dec. 27.



Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 — We've got to throw in at least one video game (since that really is all your teen wants) so why not Call of Duty Modern Warfare 3, the latest in the highly popular Call of Duty series. It's available for all the major game systems — PlayStation3, Xbox 360, Nintendo Wii and DS, and PC — for \$59.99 at Toys"R"Us.