

# HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN



**9** SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

## WHAT TO BUY MOODY TEENAGERS

**Beanbag chair** — If the teen on your list is a gamer, or a reader for that matter, check out the new and much improved beanbag chairs. They're bigger — some are even couch-sized — and made of memory foam that's not supposed to break down like the old-style bags. **Walmart** has an extra-large, 6-foot Fuf bean bag chair for \$99 through [walmart.com](http://walmart.com).

**Christmas is a good time to remind teens that there really 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.**

— Jennifer Feehan  
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**Coach purse** — Girls love Coach Wristlets — those tiny sauteen 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 Hoodie** 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.



**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.

**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 over-the-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.



**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 lock-out 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](http://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**.