

Is technology a blessing or a curse? When it works, great; but when it doesn't, it seems a black curtain covers the earth. Technology is supposed to make life easier, but it seems it just creates more work or costly mistakes.

In his essay "Technology, Movement, and Sound," Ed Bell makes the following statement: "Although technology has improved society in many ways, we use it indiscriminately, not distinguishing the good from the bad" (470). David Gilernter in his essay "Unplugged: The Myth of Computers in the Classroom" echoes Bell's sentiment: "In practice, however, computers make our worst educational nightmares come true (187). Not all critics agree. In "Cyberspace: If You Don't Like It, Leave It," author Esther Dyson retorts, "We haven't created a perfect society on earth and we won't have one in cyberspace either" (294).

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Do you agree with Bell's and Gilernter's assertions about technology? Would we be better off with fewer technological advancements? Or should we acknowledge that technology has truly improved our lives, however imperfect as Dyson suggests?

Consider the ways technology has affected contemporary life. We have witnessed tremendous developments in the areas of communication, transportation, medicine, education, entertainment, social networking—not to mention, personal computing, iPads, Apple watches, ear buds and others. Are all technological advancement positive or do some of technology actually influence us in negative ways? These questions exist today and will continue into the future.

Assignment: In this essay (850-1250 words), you will be utilizing a variety of genres: summary/response, exposition, and argumentation. You will have to use at least one of Bells', Gilertner's, and Dyson's articles and then either agree or disagree with their thesis. If you can't take a pro or con decision, you could possibly write an essay with a more moderate view.

Suggested organization:

Paragraph 1: Provide a strong summary of one or more of the above authors' essays.

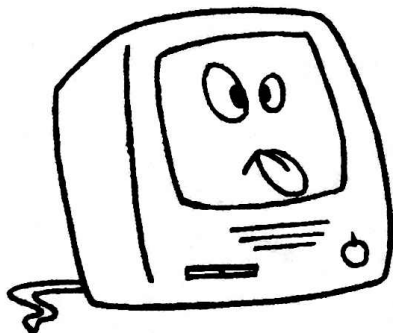
Paragraph 2: Provide a summary of your argument. You may think about this as your introduction. **INCLUDE A THESIS.** Paragraphs 1 and 2 may be reversed or merged depending on length.

Three body paragraphs : You must support your thesis. You may want to contrast the benefits or harmful characteristics of two technologies, for example virtual books to hard copy books the use or overuse of computers in the classroom. Support your position by discussing and describing specific examples and their impact on culture, education, medicine, social interaction, and other. You must use at least three to five direct quotations from the author(s) you are using.

Concluding paragraph: You will mention your selected author's (or authors') full name(s) and the title of the essay(s), summarize your main points, and offer a recommendation to the audience regarding the use of technology. There are other strategies.

You will also have a Work Cited page and parenthetical citations (to be explained). Bibliographical information will be provided. The student models that will be presented will be **SIMILAR** to this assignment, but not exact. Remember student models are not always correct.

The tone of this essay does not have to be serious; you could make some outlandish predictions with exaggerated specifics.



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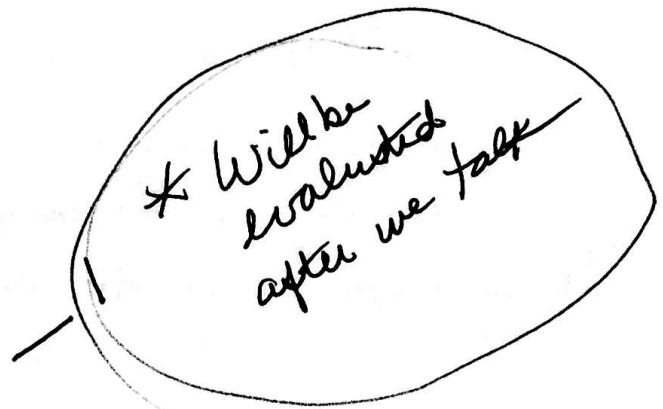
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'In today's era we are surrounded by Technology and this remains indifferent whether we like it or not. The immense contribution of technology to mankind can never be replaced by anything else and it will remain until we are present on earth. The word "Technology" traces its origins from the Greek word "*techne*" meaning craft, and "*logos*" meaning word. In simple words, we can define technology as any invention that makes our lives easier. We can't imagine a life without technology as it is present everywhere, be it the production of food, communication, travel, medicine, innovations in the field of art and architecture. There is no way where technology has not left an indelible mark on the way people act and communicate. Nowadays, the world is characterized by the application-oriented phones, software and most importantly constant access of new information. Our day starts and ends with these innovative inventions which are constantly on the rise; much faster communication is the new happening, thing now as it saves a lot of time and value of time is increasing day by day.

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Social sites like Facebook and twitter are the modern ways of sharing our feelings with our relatives. But we tend to put into operation the latest technology before we understand precisely what it really is and how it is helpful for us. We never try to think that what will be the scenario when everything suddenly dies down or is reversed or switched off! Would we be able to continue doing all the work like the way we used to? And if the answer is yes then it would mean that unplugging technology is equivalent to unplugging the human being! *True*

The essay basically intends to describe the different aspects of technology and present an argument regarding the advantages and the drawbacks of technology from the point of view of different authors. Apart from opinions from different authors, a personal opinion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of technology also is provided. *15*

Different viewpoints have been provided by different authors regarding the benefits and the drawbacks of technology. For example, Dan Luo and Milton Mattox say that, many business leaders view technology as the Holy Grail for solving business problems. It is certainly true that technology enables some businesses to deliver amazing results. He also says that many companies gain insight into the various dimensions of consumer behavior by leveraging sophisticated data analysis tools. These tools analyze information emanating from data repositories (information generated from emails and social media platforms such as Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook). These tools are called "Big Data," in part because the inclusion of unstructured data provides an exponentially larger pool of resources from which to gather information (Mattox). This point is important because of the proliferation of social media platforms today. Traditionally, data is kept in well organized, relational databases. Over time, the records expand to include important information like the employee's performance ratings, promotions, average salary, average pay increase percentage and more. This information is

nicely structured, and it provides employers with a plethora of information about the employee. However, today many employees also put a wealth of personal and professional information in social media sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn. Big Data techniques allow employers (for those employers who choose to utilize this information) among other things to also track general employee behavior from these unstructured data channels. The information is now generally available and easily access using Big Data predictive and analytical modeling techniques. Being privy to this kind of specialized insight can prove beneficial for both the retailer and consumer as the retailer can properly prepare to meet the needs of its consumers. It is because of amazing advancements in technology like those found in Big Data analyses that business leaders look to technology to solve business problems. Although technology plays a very important role in helping businesses achieve success, there are key challenges that leaders need to overcome to ensure a successful marriage between the business and the technology.

From personal viewpoint, we can state technology as a whole is a boon for the society as it provides an alternative way of communication and had helped people go beyond the old fashioned transmission Medias. Creation of phone, fax, paging services, mobile services, video conferencing etc are few of the facilities that the human mind has been able to conceive with the aid of technology.. Technology has ensured that one can easily communicate with anyone on land, in air (aeroplanes) or even when the person is under the calm waves of dark deep-sea. Previously any transmission, whether small distance communication or long-distance communication required huge amount of time but with the development of technology and new innovations in this zone has made everything super fast. But still there lies a question which has to be considered. What if technology becomes devil rather than being god? The world of technology is unrestricted and this can be misleading sometimes, for example a young child

accessing unethical information. As far as learning is concerned, technology has allowed the solution to be easily analyzed and interpreted which ultimately had made problems easier, which ultimately affects the intelligence and brain activity of young children. Technology should be used in certain conditions, then only it would be a boon for the society, otherwise it's all bane.

In conclusion, it can be stated that technology is more of a blessing than a curse. But it has certain disadvantages too:

No physical activities:

The worst effect of technology on children is the decrease in the physical exercise and bad social behaviors. Many children suffer from lethargy, increased obesity and many other diseases and disorders at a very young age. They become socially inactive over a period of time. (Technology Boon or bane)

Lack of privacy: Internet and the world of web is currently the main source of information sharing on the computers. This system is very useful in long distance communication, but still there are risks for information loss and concerns regarding information privacy. Everything can be tracked if not protected properly over the internet. So, sometimes important information goes in the wrong hand. Otherwise, technology is a boon in this fast paced socio-economic life.

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