



How Technology Affects our Society

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Technology
Grades 9–12



Introduction

Students will write an argumentative essay about how technology has helped or hindered our society.

To introduce this writing prompt, play this [video](#) for your students. Do a “think-pair-share” to facilitate a discussion about the video. Prior to writing the essay, students must conduct research and locate at least five credible sources with information about the effects of technology on our society.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

- Write arguments with sufficient evidence to support a claim. ([CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.1](#))
- Conduct research to answer a question. ([CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.7](#))

Materials Needed

- [Video](#): I Forgot My Phone

Procedure

Disseminate the following writing prompt to students before they begin their research:

1. Technological advancement has changed the way we live, travel, communicate, and much more. While technology has helped our society overcome many challenges, some would argue that the rapid growth of technology has been detrimental to our society.
2. Is technology helpful or detrimental to our society? Conduct research to support your stance on the issue in an argumentative essay. You must locate and effectively cite at least five credible sources.

Evaluation

Use this [rubric](#) to evaluate the essays.