

English 11 Q2 Technology Research Paper

In the time periods you've been studying in this quarter (1865-1935), there was a huge boom in invention and technology. You will choose a historic OR modern example of technology, research it, and determine if that technology was ultimately beneficial or detrimental to society.

Prompt: Is [Example of technology] detrimental or harmful to society?

1. Brainstorm and choose a specific example of technology from one of these categories below. In other words, brainstorm different inventions that fall under these categories that you could use as your research paper focus. PLEASE NOTE: You cannot choose computers, cell/smartphones, TV, or internet.

Transportation

Agricultural (farming)

Beauty industry

Medical

Military

Environmental

Industrial

2. Research your technology: Use CREDIBLE websites (NOT Wikipedia, ask.com, about.com, etc.) to RESEARCH and find different ways or reasons that your chosen technology is either detrimental and/or beneficial to society. BE SURE TO PASTE EACH WEBSITE'S URL AND PUT IT INTO www.easybib.com in order to put your sources in MLA format to later put on your Works Cited at the end of your essay.
3. You must read and use quotes from at least FOUR articles from different websites in your essay. You can use more if needed.
4. After you have researched, decide what position you will argue in your essay: Will you argue that the technology example is detrimental or beneficial to society?
5. Next, go to www.khonlinewriting.weebly.com to see the OUTLINE you are REQUIRED to use and follow to write your research essay. Mrs. Botsford or your English teacher will SHARE a copy with you so you can draft your essay IN COMPLETE SENTENCES on the outline.
6. When the outline is shared with you MAKE A COPY of it in Googledocs and begin drafting.
7. Each quote in your essay must be in-line cited. Use this webpage to help you do it correctly: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/02/>
8. Once you have completed the outline (which is written in complete sentences and serves as your draft, share it with your English teacher for review.

9. You must create a Works Cited page to list the sources you used quotes from in your essay. Each source must be in MLA format (use www.easybib.com) to do this. The sources must be in alphabetical order, in correct MLA format and be spaced correctly. See how to set up a Works Cited page at this link: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/12/>
10. When you get your outline back, fix any corrections made by the teacher, and copy and paste it into paragraph format with the Works Cited at the end of the essay. The essay and Works Cited page MUST be DOUBLE-SPACED, 12 pt. font, 1" margins. Don't forget a title. Then, copy and paste the essay and Works Cited page into Odyssey and submit it the teacher for grading.