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Unit 3 "Waves of Change" Argumentative Essay: Outline

Prompt: Technology is (beneficial or detrimental- CHOOSE ONE) to humanity.

(Introduction paragraph: indent first line)

Grabber/Hook (1-2 sentences)	Use an interesting first statement or example to explain the point of view on technology you are going to argue for during this essay. <i>Go to any busy public place. Look around. You don't have to wait long before someone looks at their phone. Then another person does... then another</i>
Background (3-4 sentences)	Briefly describe both sides of the argument for and against technology in our world right now. <i>Technology is an extremely divisive subject. Some people believe that technology brings so many advantages that it's OK to be obsessed with phones and other gadgets. Others see that obsession and worry about the awful effects this dependence on technology causes. Is it worth it?</i>
Thesis (1 sentence) YOUR MAIN IDEA FOR THE WHOLE ESSAY!	State in your own words your point of view on technology's effect on humanity. <i>Technology causes so many problems for people that we can't solve easily like <u>(reason 1)</u> and <u>(reason 2)</u>.</i>

(Body Paragraph 1: for a new paragraph, indent the first line- YOU SHOULD NOT USE BLANK LINES BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS TO SHOW A NEW PARAGRAPH.)

Topic (1 sentence) *Use transition words or phrases!	Transition, then summarize the main idea of your FIRST reason. <i>First, technology can be a menace by _____</i>
Examples and elaboration (4-8 sentences) USE QUOTED EVIDENCE HERE THAT SHOWS YOUR THESIS → THEN EXPLAIN WHY YOU USED IT	Evidence #1 about your 1 st reason: <i>The poem "Can We Autocorrect Humanity" says, "_____"</i> Explanation: <i>This quote demonstrates that _____</i> Evidence #2 about your 1 st reason: <i>Another line from the poem describes, "_____"</i> Explanation: <i>What this proves is that ...</i> Source:

Closing (1 sentence)	Sum up how this reason demonstrated what you said in your thesis. In short, the problem of _____ is all technology's fault.
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(Body Paragraph 2: new paragraph & indent)

Topic (1 sentence) *Use transition words or phrases!	Transition, then summarize the main idea of your SECOND reason. Another important and problematic effect of technology is _____.
Examples and elaboration (4-8 sentences) USE QUOTED EVIDENCE HERE THAT SHOWS YOUR THESIS → THEN EXPLAIN WHY YOU USED IT	Evidence #1 about your 2 nd reason: An expert in psychology says, "_____." Explanation: What this means is _____. Evidence #2 about your 2 nd reason: _____, a teen who _____, also agrees by saying, "_____." Explanation: If it weren't for _____, then life would be much different. Source:
Closing (1 sentence)	Sum up how this reason demonstrated what you said in your thesis. As you can see, _____ is also deep concern for many people today.

(Body Paragraph 3: new paragraph & indent)

Topic (1 sentence) *Use transition words or phrases!	Transition, then summarize one COUNTERCLAIM to your point of view. On the other hand, people who believe that the advantages of technology are worth it will sing its praises.
Rebuttal (4-8 sentences)	Give detailed reasons and explain why the counterargument is wrong or flawed. One of their reasons is _____. However, this is not the benefit they claim. In reality, _____. This means that technology is still dangerous, especially for the generations who grew up with technology as children. Source:

Closing (1 sentence)	Sum up how your point of view is still right despite this counterclaim. Even though there are many champions for the digital age, they are woefully misguided.
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(Closing- new paragraph & indent)

Topic Sentence (1 sentence)	Transition, then restate your thesis and why it is important. Finally, you must come to the conclusion that technology, personal devices and media especially, are harmful to the world because _____.
Summary	Summarize the main points: The conclusion enables your reader to recall the main points of your position. In order to do this you can <u>paraphrase the main points of your argument</u> . First, (reason 1). Also, (reason 2).
Conclusion (1-2 sentences)	Choose one of the following argumentative techniques to end your paper, then use it. <input type="checkbox"/> Call to action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appeal to emotions <input type="checkbox"/> Make a prediction <input type="checkbox"/> Present solutions <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Imagine your own family at the dinner table. If everyone is on their phones, are you really sitting together? In body, yes, you are. But your minds are all far away, as distant as another continent. Technology opens the ^{distant parts of} world to us, but what if that keeps us from seeing the world right in front of us?