

# Waves of Change Performance Task

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

You will write an argumentative five paragraph essay that **explores the question of whether technology is beneficial or detrimental to humanity**. You will use texts that have been explored throughout the unit to identify three reasons that technology is beneficial, or three reasons that technology is detrimental to humanity. You will be expected to establish a firm point of view related to the argumentative purpose, make a claim, and then support that claim with relevant and sufficient evidence and using language that is appropriate to purpose. You will also be expected to acknowledge the opposing viewpoint in your essay as well.

What is your response now to the prompt? Do you feel that technology is beneficial or detrimental to humanity? You must choose one side only.

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Support your response with two reasons. Choose two reasons for which you can think of several examples (you will use several examples!).

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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What would someone arguing the other side say? (counterclaim)

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What would be their strongest reasons? (counterargument)

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Why would the counterargument still be wrong?

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