

Waves of Change Performance Task

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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Category	4	3	2	1
Topic & Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Writing style is on topic. · Transitions are used. · The writing is smooth. · Organization of ideas is effective <p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Writing style is mostly on topic. · Writing flows mostly smoothly. · Organization of ideas is mostly logical <p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Writing style has not thoughtfully developed topic · Writing is not smooth. · Few or no transitions. · Organization is not effective <p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Writing style is off topic or extremely unorganized. <p style="text-align: center;">15</p>
Support & Elaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support information relates to and supports the topic. · Elaboration (<i>further explanation</i>) has specific, fully developed details. <p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support information has minor weaknesses while relating and supporting the topic. · Elaboration has some specific details. <p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support information has major weaknesses while relating and supporting the topic. · Elaboration has undeveloped details, which may be presented in a list-like way. <p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · An attempt has been made to add support information, but it was unrelated or confusing. · Elaboration has almost no details. <p style="text-align: center;">15</p>
Style	Accurately uses precise language and clearly establishes and maintains a formal writing style appropriate to task, purpose, and audience 10	Frequently uses precise language and adequately establishes and maintains a formal writing style appropriate to task, purpose, and audience 7	Minimally uses precise language and minimally establishes and maintains a formal writing style appropriate to task, purpose, and audience 4	Does not use precise language and does not establish and maintain a formal writing style appropriate to task, purpose, and audience 1
Conventions	Consistently demonstrates a strong command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete sentences: no run-on sentences or sentence fragments ● Correct punctuation, including quotation punctuation ● Capitalization ● Indented paragraphs ● Spelling <p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	Often demonstrates a strong command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete sentences: no run-on sentences or sentence fragments ● Correct punctuation, including quotation punctuation ● Capitalization ● Indented paragraphs ● Spelling <p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	Occasionally demonstrates a strong command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete sentences: no run-on sentences or sentence fragments ● Correct punctuation, including quotation punctuation ● Capitalization ● Indented paragraphs ● Spelling <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	Does not demonstrate a strong command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete sentences: no run-on sentences or sentence fragments ● Correct punctuation, including quotation punctuation ● Capitalization ● Indented paragraphs ● Spelling <p style="text-align: center;">5</p>
Citing works	Clearly follows a standard format for citation all of the time to avoid plagiarism 10	Adequately follows a standard format for citation all of the time to avoid plagiarism 7	Minimally follows a standard format for citation all of the time to avoid plagiarism 4	Does not follow a standard format for citation all of the time to avoid plagiarism 1

TOTAL _____

