Select one of the topics below and write an essay on it:

1. Identify a technological device besides television. Choose a car, a phone, an ATM, the Kindle, or any other technological device and explain how human behavior has changed as a result of using and/or depending on that device. Some ideas for consideration might be (but aren’t limited to) how antibiotics have made us impatient with the healing process, how the teleprompter has affected our public speaking skills, how the instant replay has improved (or harmed) the way games are officiated, how the refrigerator or freezer has improved food preparation and safety, how cameras at traffic lights have affected law enforcement.

2. Examine the use of computers in school and/or the workplace and write an essay discussing how computer technologies have resulted in a decrease in a particular skill.

3. Examine the way technology has affected commerce and write an essay explaining how computers have improved and/or hindered customer service and the ability to buy and sell.

As you develop this essay, you must consult some reliable, appropriate sources that you found using our library’s databases (remember that our databases help you find both print and electronic sources). I recommend starting with CQ Researcher and narrowing your search from there. But you might also try the following databases:

- Academic Search Complete
- Proquest Research Library
- Web of Science

Although peer reviewed scholarly journals are great sources for this paper, you might also find credible, appropriate information from the following publications:

- Wired
- Scientific American
- Discover
- Smithsonian
- PC World
- Engineering and Technology
- Popular Electronics
- Popular Mechanics

These are just a few. When searching for sources, find publications that will be relevant to your topic and offer information that’s been investigated thoroughly and is written for an audience of adult, educated readers.

Turn the page over for a list of criteria you must meet when you do this assignment.
As you write this essay, you must demonstrate the following writing skills:

- The paper should open with a catchy hook.
- The introduction should lead to a clear main idea.
- Body paragraphs must be logically organized with each paragraph being unified and coherent.
- Body paragraphs should be developed thoroughly with concrete examples, which should come from appropriate sources (see the front page), which you found using the library’s databases. You must refer to at least four sources, and you must use those sources to help you develop your body paragraphs, as well as write an engaging introduction and conclusion.
- The paper should employ a captivating writing style.
- It should extend beyond the typical five-paragraph format, to reveal intellectual investment indicative of a college student.
- It should show careful proofreading and correct documentation of sources in current MLA style, both in the text and on the works cited page.
- The essay and works cited page should be all in one document.

As usual, compose your paper on a word processor and save it as Microsoft Word or in Rich Text Format. This essay is due at 11:59 PM, ET, Monday, November 25th. You will submit this paper using the Dropbox in Desire2 Learn. It is your responsibility to ensure your paper got to Dr. Remler. Please contact her if you have questions.