

English 102 Writing Assignment 2:

A persuasive Research Paper on the Effects of Technology in Your Field of Study

You will work on this assignment in parts by first picking a topic, then researching and compiling sources into the Annotated Bibliography Assignment.

Next, you'll begin brainstorming and putting your ideas on paper in the Detailed Outline Assignment.

After you've completed both of these assignments, you'll then write the actual paper, Writing Assignment 2. The instructions for the paper are below, so make sure you read them before picking your topic and completing the first two parts, the Annotated Bibliography Assignment and Detailed Outline Assignment.

The Persuasive Research Essay Assignment

For this assignment, select something (person, place, thing) in your field of study (your degree choice). Using **one** of the technology relate articles listed below, focus specifically on this something (person, place, thing) you selected and argue whether advances in technology have had a positive or negative effect on your field of study.

Your goal with this assignment is to analyze the impact technology has had on your field. How has it changed things in your field? Have these changes been positive or negative or both? Has a specific something (person, place, thing) added value to your field because of technology's impact on him/her/it?

Some Examples:

- If you are a photography major, you could explore the effects of digital reproduction of pictures, which has essentially replaced film. Then you could discuss how the invention of digital reproduction has changed the photography field and argue whether this technological change has had a positive or negative effect on the field as whole.
- Or if you are a business major you could discuss how the invention of Microsoft Office has changed the way we compose information and process data and argue whether Microsoft Office has dramatically altered our business processes.

- If you are Rad-Tech major, you could discuss how the invention of X-ray technology has changed the field positively or negatively.
- Or if you are an EMT major, you could discuss how technology has created various tools and processes, which has changed emergency lifesaving and argue how EMTs tools/processes have changed the amount of people saved.

Whatever you choose, it must be related to your degree/field of study, and it must include a brief discussion of **one** of the technology articles below; which article you choose and how you use it in your own essay is up to you.

You can use it to frame the argument of your essay, or you can use it to support points/claims you make within your argument, or you can refute some of the ideas in the article as you discuss your topic.

See the following resources to help you create this text:

http://www.ehow.com/video_4987163_write-persuasive-essay.html

<http://www.hamilton.edu/writing/writing-resources/persuasive-essays>

A Few Specifics:

- 6-8 pages
- 12 pt. academic font
- 1" margins, typed, double-spaced
- APA Documentation style, including title page, headers, page numbers, references page, etc.
- You must use 4 sources from credible authors; use the library databases or another scholarly site to help you find sources.

Note: These sources can come straight from the Annotated Bibliography Assignment unless you found others you would like to use.

- In addition to the 4 required sources, you must also use 1 of the technology related articles that are listed below.

Note: Make sure you list whichever technology article you chose from the list below on your references page and cited in APA format

- Use in-text citations for any selections you use from any sources used; whether you paraphrase, summarize or directly quote them.

Technology Articles: In addition to the 4 sources you're required to use in this essay, you are also required to use one of these technology articles in this essay.

"Technology, Culture, and Virtue" by Patrick J. Deneen

<http://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/technology-culture-and-virtue>

"How Technology Has Changed Workforce Communication" by Natalie Burg

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/unify/2013/12/10/how-technology-has-changed-workplace-communication/>

"More Americans Sense a Downside to an Always Plugged-In Existence" by Marjorie Connelly

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/07/technology/07brainpoll.html?ref=yourbrainoncomputers>

"How Is Technology Impacting the Changes in the 21st Century Workplace?" by Ruth Mayhew

<http://smallbusiness.chron.com/technology-impacting-changes-21st-century-workplace-3357.html>

"Executives: we need cloud computing to improve our workforce" by Joe McKendrick

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/clouds-drives-business-transformation-and-all-kinds-of-other-good-stuff/>