

The Virtual Self

Essay Assignment

Prompt:

- **What are the most significant benefits of technology?**

As evidence, you will use the following:

- At least three outside sources (video or print). Here is a list of appropriately analytical, “deep dive” sources of journalism; some may have more partisan bias than others, but all are considered reputable.
 - ▶ *NPR*
 - ▶ *Wall Street Journal*
 - ▶ *60 Minutes*
 - ▶ *Vice (HBO episodes, not their random web posts!)*
 - ▶ *Slate*
 - ▶ *The New Yorker*
 - ▶ *The New York Times*
 - ▶ *The Atlantic*
 - ▶ *The Economist*
 - ▶ *The Washington Post*

Other requirements:

- MLA format (including a works cited page)
- 3-5 body paragraphs

Thesis (A 1-2 sentence answer to the question):

The most significant benefit of technology is the ability to instantaneously talk and send messages across the globe with cellphones and social media.