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### Our World Yesterday and Today

Our world has changed. We have advanced more in the past one hundred years than we have in the past one thousand years. Technology is all around us. Almost everyone has some form of technology whether it be a computer, television, or cell phone. Because of new technology that is being invented every day, our society is changing more than anyone realizes. Before computers and the Internet were invented, it was more difficult to accomplish tasks or gain information and knowledge. Technology today make many things easier than they were in the past, but it can be distracting when it is time to get tasks done.

Because of technology, individuals are going through their work or school day with more productivity. In the past, people relied on daily planners and couldn't get in touch with colleagues or other students outside of class or work. If you had a question, then you had to wait until you saw them or if you needed documents, they would be mailed to you, which took a long time. Now, we have the most efficient gadget to help make us more productive, which is a smart phone. There are so many opportunities that come up when it is time to get work done where a smartphone can be helpful to use. If students or employees need to get in contact with each other, they can simply pull out their phones and call them. If colleagues need to send each other a document or a message, they can send each other an email or a text with their phones. If an individual doesn't want to forget to get something done on a certain date, they can open up their

calendar with their phone. There are thousands of different productivity apps on a smartphone that make work simpler.

Researching and studying is easier than it has ever been. For example, if journalists need to get information and facts about a topic to write about, they can simply go online and research until they get credible information. Before the Internet was invented, it was harder to get that information. They would have to go to libraries or contact sources directly to get any information. This same concept applies to students as well. A few years ago, not every student had access to the Internet and in order for a student to get information that was needed for their papers, they had to go to a library and search through books. Now, students can simply go online, search for the information they need, and in just a few seconds that information becomes available to them. When it comes to researching and gaining more knowledge, technology has made it quicker and easier.

Technology has a big part in the entertainment people choose to take in. In the past, people would have to go to the movies or watch what was broadcast on cable television. The choice of entertainment was limited. Today, there are thousands of movies and videos that can be viewed by anyone at any time. There are also video games available on demand, and millions of people who use technology use it to play video games. With the Internet and a variety of devices, such as smartphones and iPads, we have more choice about where and when we are entertained.

Before we had so much technology, it was easier to separate from entertaining activities and focus on work. For instance, while at work and school, employees and students did not have access to television, movies, or video games and could not chat with friends who were not with them. Consequently, they were not as distracted at work and school as students and employees often are today. While using technology for entertainment is enjoyable, consuming entertainment

when it is time to work can become a problem for some people. Social media is a big contributing factor to not getting work done because unlike in the past, you can chat with friends and may decide to post something to social media or see what their friends are posting. Instead of doing work, people can now watch television or movies and play games on their smartphones. People will sometimes get distracted by a television show and watch episodes for hours at a time. The same scenario can go for movies. A single movie can be over two hours. Though new technology brings many simple and exciting things to society, many people use technology for entertainment in situations when it is time to work.

In conclusion, technology can be both useful and entertaining. Our generation is lucky to live in a world with technology and we need to be grateful for technology. It makes almost everything easier and better. Whether it be searching for information or communicating with somebody in another country, the Internet is efficient in almost every way. However, this new technology needs to be used wisely. As long as everyone uses technology for work when it is time to work and entertainment when it is allowed, everyone in our society can be better and more efficient through technology.