

For the narrative essay assignments: all students are required to write Essay #1 on the topic of Family. Students can choose for their second essay whether they want to write on the Essay #2 topic, Education, OR on the Essay #3 topic, technology. The guidelines for Essay #2 are posted under their own link.

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Guidelines for Essay #3—The Wild Wired West

As the readings in the chapter “The Wild Wired West” indicate, “Technology ... fueled the myths of progress and perfection that drove American dreams in the twentieth century.” Our editors also point out, however, that “the myth of technology also has its dark side.” We are invited in this chapter to “reflect on how emerging technologies are changing our society and our sense of self.” This assignment addresses Course Outcomes 1-7 listed on the syllabus.

Be sure to make specific reference to **either** the Jean Twenge analysis **or** the Bruce Schneier piece, using a direct quote. Choose one of these options:

- 1) Twenge’s analysis pinpoints several significant consequences of smartphone use for “iGen teens.” Narrate an account of a time when you used technology in one of the ways Twenge describes. Does your experience confirm or refute her analysis, or land somewhere in between?
- 2) Narrate an account of a time when you were made aware of the “profitable surveillance architecture” that Schneier critiques. There are, here too, significant consequences for this use of technology. Does your experience confirm or refute his analysis, or land somewhere in between?
- 3) If you identify yourself as a “Luddite,” narrate an account of the circumstance(s) that inspired this perspective. In other words, if you do not use a smartphone or social media, you may want to write about your detachment from these devices. Cite either Twenge or Schneier, as best fits your purposes.

Keep in mind that the assignment asks you to:

- Focus on personal experience, using the first person perspective;
- Provide supporting details;
- Consider what tone you want to convey;
- Organize with Unity and Coherence in mind. Your essay should address the questions included here, but it should not be structured by them;
- Incorporate the MLA documentation format for your quote(s);
- Write a final essay of three pages.

—Format details are listed in the MLA section of *A Writer's Reference*, beginning on page 424. Here are the basics:

Double space your text, use a one-inch margin and standard 12 point type.

In the top left corner of the first page, you will have your name first, then Professor Jopp, then ENGL102, with your section number, and on the next line the date. Drop down a space and put in the title. No title page is required. Be sure your pages are numbered.

Be sure to use a parenthetical citation for your quote. This is the page number in parentheses. See page 369. Review the section titled “Understand how the MLA system works.” No need for a Works Cited page for this assignment.

The Dropbox link will be posted, along with the exact deadline. This is where you will upload your completed essay. Please submit the essay in Word or as a PDF.