You have just finished reading a narrative article from Malcom J.X. Malady on the impact of technology on his grieving process, and you have read a futuristic short story by Ray Bradbury about a smart home that continues to operate after its occupants are gone. You have also read at least one additional futuristic story that reflects anxiety about the impact of technology on humanity. In this essay, you will connect the themes of technology and humanity by analyzing these two texts.

Objectives

Compare and connect two works from different times to find relevance and meaning using examples from both works to extend their relevance to an academic audience.

Write an essay in a timed setting with attention to audience, grammatical control, and structure.

Instructions:

- Review the assigned readings.
- Write an essay connecting the theme of technology and humanity in the works we have read. Your thesis statement should answer the following question:

In the early 20th century, America experienced a mixture of hope and anxiety for the future. Some of the technological advances we imagined have manifested, though not always in the ways we thought they would and not always with the intended outcomes. Compare some of the technological advances writers like Bradbury imagined to the ones we have seen in the last few decades. How have their predictions regarding the impact of technology played out in the present day, and how has technology changed the human experience (i.e., how we experience life, emotions, etc.)?

NOTE: This is not an occasion to rant or provide unfounded opinions on the topic of what "we as humans" have become or the ills of society. Take the time to explore the impact of technology in the stories you have read and compare them to the actual impact of technology today.

- Your introduction should briefly introduce and summarize the texts you will use
    - You must use "There Will Come Soft Rains
    - Download There Will Come Soft Rains
    - ," "The Ghosts in Our Machines,
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    - " and at least one other selection from the Unit Readings.
    - Your thesis should appear at the end of the 1st paragraph.
- Use effective topic sentences for all paragraphs.
    - Make a claim (about some technology - predicted or actual - and it's impact on our experiences)
- Use examples from the texts you have read to support your argument.

        - All evidence should be properly framed using the Quote Sandwich method.
- Cite all paraphrased and quoted material as follows
    - At the end of the sentence in which the quote or paraphrase appears
    - In parentheses include the author's last name and the page number on which the information appears
    - If you have used the author's name in the signal phrase, you may use the page number only.
        - ex: (Malady) or (Bradbury 2)
- Write a brief conclusion that sums up your argument.
- Avoid using I, me, my, you, your, etc.
    - Pronouns such as we and us may be used with caution. In other words, do not generalize the audience or make assumptions about what “we” do, know, experience, or believe.
- I highly recommend running your essay through a grammar and spell checker before submission.

Requirements:

Time: You must complete the essay in 1 day with minimal preparation or revision. ***The essay is due by 11:59 pm. There will be no exceptions to this (unless you have an accommodation from the OSD), so plan your time accordingly and make sure you have a stable internet connection.***

Length: Minimum 5 fully developed paragraphs (including an intro and conclusion)

Format: MLA formatted in-text citations; please use standard spacing and paragraph format. Do not center your essay, but do include a single extra space between paragraphs so that it is clear to me where each paragraph begins and ends.

Submission: Type or paste your essay into the text box and separate paragraphs with a space. You may use Google docs or any other word processing program to write the essay, but you should not attach, upload, or link to it. The body of the essay must appear in the textbox. Please do not attempt to complete this assignment on a phone or from the Canvas android/ios app.