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| CS6.5  Picture it for complex material  From Betsy: This is the “student talking to him/herself” format, like the Extracting key ideas and details one… |
| The digital divide is a term used to describe the discrepancy between individuals who have access to computers and the internet and those who do not have access. This concept has provided a basis for research, analysis, and programming in communities and regions both within a specific state and globally.  While technological advances and diffusion of various devices that allow connectivity have, according to some, reduced the digital divide, other analysts remind us that inequalities still exist, with women, racial or ethnic minorities, people with lower incomes, and rural residents still lacking the access and skills that would allow them to bridge the digital divide. A second level digital divide describes the gap between the consumers of content on the internet and producers of content on the internet. This second level is more clearly associated with economic status. Individuals with more time to access the internet can become more creative in their interpretation of information and have the luxury of accessing and exploring the digital tools necessary for content production. Globally, multiple admirable efforts are attempting to bridge the digital divide. Their common goal is to find long-term, sustainable solutions to this inequality by attempting to provide access to technology, connectivity, and skills that will enable more individuals worldwide to access, use, and learn from digital resources. |