

Mister Berry,

After careful consideration of your article, my colleagues and I have found several points on which we disagree with your views of computers. The first of them being your claim that you are not contributing to the rape of our ecosystem. Next, you only chose to include letters that disagree with your claim instead of including some that support you and your viewpoints. Finally, you provide no evidence to support your claim that the use of computers is detrimental to the environment.

It was stated in your essay that as a writer, you only work with pencil, pen, and paper; after which your wife types your work on a Royal standard typewriter. In the process of this, you are consuming an immense amount of paper. How is this any less harmful to the environment than using a computer? As we see it, you sir, are the one raping the environment. If you were a true conservationist, you would be delighted by the chance to save paper resources through submitting your works electronically.

The letters you showcased in your essay prove you to be unreliable. It's hard to believe that none of the letters you received back from *Harper's* praised or supported you. This makes you appear biased, since you failed to include all the different perspectives on your argument. It seems that you are only showing a portion of the story to play the victim. You are not a victim. You have chosen a path that keeps you separated from the world. Join us and help us the conserve the massive amount of trees you have seemed to have forgotten about.

Finally, you give insufficient evidence to your statement that using computers harms the environment. Strip-mining was mentioned but the correlation between that and computer usage was not properly explained. This could lead to confusion for your audience while also creating holes in your argument. In reading your essay it is hard to understand exactly how strip-mining and computers are related. It is clear that you have somehow linked these two together but without evidence we can not blindly accept your argument.

All of these factors put together make up the issues we have with your essay. The point of the work proves to be invalid because there were no connections made between the claim and the evidence. This was essential to the writing and we feel as though it were greatly lacking. Without this connection your argument is hard to follow. As stated above, the time is now. Now is the time to join the world in the computer age. Everyone knows change is hard and there are bound to be hiccups and heartaches along the way but we should never let fear stop or slow the forward movement of progress.

Best,
Concerned Citizens