Essay

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Mr. Berry, I agree on your idea that not buying a computer is a good thing. For one, the computer is shown in your writing to be more inefficient than in comparison to your “wife” and typewriter. Furthermore, the computer has shown to be much more costly to the “average human,” and to the average writer’s self-thought.

In a certain area of your article, you said that your viewpoint on technology would change *if* the following events occurred: price drops for each innovative computer, the average human would be able to fix/repair his or her computer at home or at a nearby location, and it were to replace another computer it shouldn’t effect families using the computers. In our opinion, computers should follow these rules, since it would make financial abilities of families trying to buy computers much more efficient, it would take away a hassle to deal with a broken or problematic computer, and yes, keep families in enjoyment of their computer. In interviews to people that lived in the time period, computers continually upgraded without any flaws, but repairing them either “took too much time,” or “wasn’t worth fixing,” due to “newer software being available.”

Environmentally, you wrote about how buying a computer would not support [the environment] in any way and that it would be more like “raping” the same thing [the environment]. In our opinion, yes, this does happen and does contribute to a worse world, but we could solve this is by constantly replacing the computers we have dumped into landfills, keep computer parts that could be reused (recycle) and find other ways to get rid of unneeded computer parts. Upcycling, using newer eco-friendly materials, and renewing the old ones might make the computer friendlier to you, Mr. Berry.

Another thing you pointed out is that the human-computer relationship is leading to a smarter computer, but an even lazier human companion. In relying on computers, we have given them a large amount of our trust, knowledge, attention and everyday living. We live in a world that relies on technology 24/7, which also can distract us or lead to consequences. Video Gaming, online connectivity, and media can distract the person’s main goal when using a computer.

So our final point is that computers are great technologies in a fast moving world; However, they don’t match up in standards of technological, ecological, and financial standpoints that the typewriter still has undoubtly beaten.

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