Typewriters, pencils and paper, or even a wife are all suitable choices for assisting a writer in composing literature of various kinds; however, in the fast moving society of today, discovering new devices such as computers can assist the writer making their job easier and thus more productive.

Mr. Berry, although you have an interesting argument, your indictment of technological innovation is incorrect. Discovering and creating new technology has always been a goal of man in order to find a better way in which to do work. You argue that the proliferation of computers is a problem. Technology is used to improve our society and lifestyle in many ways. For example, technological advancements in engineering and medicine have made work easier and allowed man to accomplish things never before thought possible. Today, robots are used in the operating room to perform complex surgeries at a lower risk to the patient. You argue that the proliferation of computers has a negative effect. The use of the Internet, creation of violent video games, and the changes in cell phones do keep people occupied spending less and less time with their families; however, the positives of technology override the negatives.

An additional example of a flaw in your analysis, leading to your seeing solutions as problems is strip mining. Strip mining is an important aspect to fuel our computers, which is a solution for the majority of our society, but an issue for you. In addition, you claim that you strive to be energy proficient, and claim miners “rape” strip mines. Did you ever take a moment to question how the supplies you are using, such as paper or graphite for a pencil ends up in your hand? Paper is from loggers who “rape” the forest, and graphite is from miners who “rape” the earth. You are a hypocrite. You don’t believe in the use of computers, but you use paper, you make rough drafts, and you are bound to make mistakes. On a computer, fixing a mistake may simply consist of pressing backspace, but on paper, it could lead to tossing away paper.

The flaw in your chain of reasoning that produces your erroneous judgment of computers is the fact that you do not own one and have not had the full experience of using this device to its fullest potential. Expectations and actual reality can make a huge difference. An additional flaw lies in the standards you set for new technology. With advancements in technology, new devices come with a price; therefore, I do not believe your standards are properly set to become a rubric for today’s technology.