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*“ Why I am not going to buy a computer”* Review

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Mr. Wendell Berry’s statements about personally not buying a computer, is a mix of flaws and intelligence. **Berry provides an opinion that he is entitled to, but is greatly rejected by the larger population.** The idea of living without a computer or even technology is a terrifying thought for most living in the modern world. Berry neglects to discuss the positive side of the computers, the technology he claims would deceive and make people fools for using them. Specifically, Berry does not speak of how communications between countries and simple businesses have greatly improved and are currently a major part of the current economy. **He also does not speak of how the great use of computers have increased people’s health, such as how previously many patients deaths were caused by misreading prescriptions, where as now those prescriptions are sent through a computer and deaths related to that are now limited**. In the essay, a Berry form a list of requirements for technology; but, Berry does not discuss what pieces of technology that fits this. Some examples would include calculators, which is often just called a computer, indoor plumbing, locks, and wheels. Mentioning Berry’s list again, it is reasonable to mention that a good amount of the requirements on the list are unrealistic. Some say new technologies should be cheaper, smaller, use less energy, be purchasable and repairable near home, and should come from privately owned shops. If one were to follow all these rules then they would not be getting new technology. It is ridiculous to say new and more advanced technologies will always be cheaper and smaller than what came before it. If one does not have a set mind then they can clearly see that computers becoming more and more important in an average person’s everyday life does still have positive effects, but also has negative ones. Many students experience difficulties with having test on computers, claiming that it is distracting and is hard to focus on. **Relating to any sort of work is that computers tend to be doubtable and can often easily crash or be hacked. As well many people have claimed that the internet can be highly addicting and can mess with people’s basic communications skills.** Berry’s indictment towards computers is seen as incorrect for all the great things computers have done, good communications between people is on the path for peace, one man’s bitter stubbornness towards human’s technology advancements will not affect the world.