Writing Assignment 1

Following on Berry’s reflection of how the importance of technology is questionable, we as a group disagree with his statement. We believe that while his argument makes a few valid points, it is not enough to counter the importance of technology. Many of Berry’s reasons include the cost of technology, the environmental impact when he writes, and his best reason, the wish to not fool himself. However, computers and the rest of innovative technology prove to do more good than harm. One example is there is less time spent typing on a computer rather than a typewriter. Another reason for technology as a benefit includes helpful programs like editing to help your writing have no mistakes or errors. An important tool that comes with the computer is saving your writings for later times if you do not finish. These reasons prove and show there are much more benefits in a computer than a typewriter.

While Berry proved his points in his article, his overall statement was flawed. First, Berry stated that the new product should be cheaper, smaller, and work more efficiently than the product it is replacing. Berry obviously has never seen what a computer is capable of in terms of writing. In fact, a computer exceeds most of Berry’s requirements. For all of Berry’s standards to be met, we think that the ideal technological device is a laptop. The laptop is cheaper than a typewriter, smaller and lighter than a typewriter, easily reparable, and can be purchased in many more locations than a typewriter can be purchased. These reasons stated prove that computers are more efficient than typewriters.

All of the rules that Berry had created to stay classic all seem to be supporting the fact that the computer is better. Now that typewriters are obsolete, they are very high priced at around 130 dollars and up on Amazon compared to basic laptops at Best Buy starting at around 150 dollars and up; let alone the fact that computers are better than typewriters with more software and the ability to edit documents. In addition to the lower prices, laptops are a lot smaller than typewriters that weigh a lot making laptops lighter than typewriters. The biggest factor is maintaining a typewriter versus maintaining a laptop. Typewriters have a lot more complicated architecture to them because of all their parts; and a computer is a lot easier to fix and replace parts on. Another large counter argument of Berry’s that is flawed is how he said that typewriters are more eco-friendly, but when you type on a typewriter if you make a mistake you waste paper and more trees are cut down. But using a laptop saves paper because you don’t have to print the document ever. Lastly, typewriters are harder to find in all parts of the world; as for laptops being readily available to purchase.