Wendell Berry’s article “Why I Am NOT Going To Buy A Computer” consists of his personal views of the computer. He sees it not as a tool or as a gain to society, but as crutch or hindrance to humanity. Berry insinuates that while a pen and paper make one a better writer, the computer does the opposite. He also describes how the computer has a negative effect on social relationships.

Pen and paper are not better than a computer, if the user is efficient because the tool is only as good as the user. Words get the point the writers wants across to the reader, while the choice of what to write with is not important. Berry constantly reiterates the fact that the computer keeps the user from improving their writing skills. However, Berry himself does not edit his writings, his wife does, which she could still do on a computer and perhaps quicker. He talks about Dante’ and his masterpiece implying that he would not have been able to create one of the world’s greatest pieces of literature with the aid of a computer. His argument assumes that Dante’s creativity would have allowed for the computer to become a crutch rather than a tool.

Berry suggests that using a computer would make the “old model”, his wife, obsolete. He makes the impression that the computer hinders the ability to socialize with people within a community. In truth, computer provides a quicker and more efficient way to communicate with people at a far distance. An e-mail on a computer is sent and received in a matter of seconds, while a letter could take weeks. A military family is often battling the difficulty of communicating abroad. Computers help them instantaneously connect with one another on a regular basis. Millions of people use a computer to purchase goods and services via the internet.

Wendell Berry’s article “Why I Am NOT Going To Buy A Computer” tells of his personal opinions about the computer. He makes the impression that a computer, while many see it was a tool to help, is used as a crutch. Berry states that a pen and paper make you a good writer, while a computer does not. Using a computer could never make your writing bad. He brings up the negatives that the computer has on the society as a whole, and social relationships between people in a community.