**Writing Pretest Prompt**



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| Consider carefully the connection between the following quotation and the assignment that follows. Then plan and write an essay that addresses the prompt and explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide—both reasons and examples—will help make your argument convincing to your reader.  “Technological progress has merely provided us with more efficient means of going backwards.” Aldous Huxley, author  Technology allows people to complete many tasks without having contact with others. People can pay bills, check out books, shop, and play games without speaking to another person. Has the limitation of human contact due to the use of technology had positive or negative effects on people’s lives? Take a position on this question. Support your response with reasons and specific examples in a well-written, multi-paragraph essay. |

**CHECKLIST FOR WRITERS**

* I planned my paper before writing.
* I revised my paper to be sure that
  + the introduction to my paper captures the reader’s attention;
  + my central idea is supported with specific examples
  + the content of my paper relates to my central idea;
  + my writing is organized in a logical manner;
  + my sentences are varied and read smoothly;
  + my word choice develops my purpose and tone; and
  + the conclusion brings my ideas together without restating.
* I edited my paper to be sure that
  + correct grammar is used;
  + words are capitalized when appropriate;
  + sentences are constructed and punctuated correctly; and
  + words are spelled correctly.
* I reviewed my paper to make sure that it accurately reflects my intentions.

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| **Readings**  **Central Idea** | **Observations** |
| **Studies** | **Experiences** |