

# June Writing Topic

## Expository Essay

Many modern inventions have completely changed our way of life. Choose an invention and describe its effects on society and on the individual. Include a discussion of both its positive and negative effects.

## Getting Started

This purpose of an expository essay is to explain an idea or concept to your readers. For this essay, you get to choose any modern invention that has changed the way people live and explain its effects. How has this invention changed the way people live? To begin think about this question, it helps to imagine what your life would be like without this invention. But don't stop there! How has this invention affected people in general?

Take the invention of the automobile as an example. If cars were never invented, then how would you and your family travel from place to place? Now think of how different *everyone's* lives would be if cars were never invented. Cars provide us with a fast and practical means of transportation, which is a good thing; but like most inventions, cars have their drawbacks too, such as air pollution and dangerous accidents.

Here are some other modern inventions you may choose from to write about:

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| ♣ A/C         | ♣ Electricity            | ♣ Satellites    |
| ♣ Airplanes   | ♣ The Internet           | ♣ Space rockets |
| ♣ Cell phones | ♣ MP3 players            | ♣ TV            |
| ♣ Computers   | ♣ Roombas (robot vacuum) | ♣ And more...   |

## Structure

Your essay should begin with a short introductory paragraph which states what modern invention you will be discussing and declares that this invention has had both positive and negative effects. Perhaps the simplest and most logical way to organize your body paragraphs is by discussing the positive and negative effects separately. In other words, you may start with a paragraph (or more) about the positive effects then move on to a paragraph (or more) about the negative effects. Wrap up your essay with a short concluding paragraph which reminds your readers of the effects you have described and how they are good or bad for the society.

### Minimum Word Counts:

Junior 2 student: at least 150 words  
Junior 3 student: at least 200 words

Intermediate 1 student: at least 250 words  
Intermediate 2 student: at least 300 words  
Intermediate 3+ student: at least 400 words

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