

RESC 098 TECHNOLOGY EQUALS PROGRESS

Week 2 assignment

Writing Assignment 2A:

- a. Read Chapter 1 of Neil Postman's *Technopoly*, "The Judgment of Thamus" and prepare a two-paragraph response. In paragraph 1, summarise Postman's main point. Include one, and only one, quotation. In paragraph 2, identify one example not discussed in the chapter that either supports or refutes Postman's position. Present your argument in no more than 500 words.
- b. Read Leo Marx's article, "Does Improved Technology Mean Progress?" and explore the ideas behind Writing Assignment 2B. Make notes of how you would respond, including both the quote and the example you would choose. While there is no need to prepare a short paper, come to class prepared to discuss the article.

OR

Writing Assignment 2B:

- a. Read Leo Marx's article, "Does Improved Technology Mean Progress?" and prepare a two-paragraph response. In paragraph 1, summarise Marx's key point. Include one, and only one, quotation. In paragraph 2, identify a current outside example that either supports or refutes the author's position. Use no more than 500 words to present your argument.
- b. Read Chapter 1 of Neil Postman's *Technopoly*, "The Judgment of Thamus" and explore the ideas behind Writing Assignment 2A. Make notes of how you would respond, including both the quote and the example you would choose. While there is no need to prepare a short paper, come to class prepared to discuss this chapter.

Task 2:

Prepare your initial reflective essay (see separate handout).