

JDC NEWSLETTER

Brainstorm What You Know: How Do You Use (or not use) Technology? Why or Why Not?

"Find information, contact, take pictures, facebook, transportation, music, everything."

"Twitter, instagram, facebook, phones, face time."



"Phone apps facebook, instagram, oovoo, computer-internet, research."

"Why: to communicate, How: ipad, iphone, computer, Why not: to not track."

"Technolog: I use it by contacting my parents while I am in jail. Get tattoos with electronic needle."

"Facebook, cellphones, and computer."

"Instagram, facebook, twitter."



TECHNOLOGY

Technology was the topic for this month's session at the Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center. The Positive Peer Leadership Mentoring Program met with a group of young men to discuss what they knew about technology, how they use technology, and how technology has affected their lives. To conclude the whole group brainstorming session, the young men split into small groups to write poems to celebrate "Poetry Month."

Below are the responses and poems about technology written by the young men who reside at JDC.

Question what you know: How much access do you have to technology (total, partial none)? Why or why not?

"None/ because we are locked up."

"Total, a lot, because I need to talk to my parents. Total use of computer."

"Technology in the world, easy access everywhere. Why: libraries, school, or home. Why not: in prison or juvy or both."

"Do not go to school in here."

"Everyday: to communicate with others and learn new things, music."

"Whenever but here, library."

Rethink your life story: How would your life be different if you had access to technology? Explain.

"I'd spend a long time on social networks."

"While I'm here, I could be in contact with family and friends."

"No technology, crime will rise, no camera to catch a killer or robber, no face, no case."

"Less communications, less drama, meeting new people."

"Doing nothing but sitting on the computer, people would be lazy, robots would control the world."

Computers are incredibly fast, accurate, and stupid; humans are incredibly slow, inaccurate, and brilliant; together they are powerful beyond imagination.

-Albert Einstein

Reflect on your life story: How has technology affected (or not affected) your life? Explain.

"-making me smarter, -helps be aware of news, -helps you get home, -talk to your girlfriend."

"Distracts you from school work and brings drama."

"Good: for the unlimited access for the communication. Bad: government can access anyone's personal file or camera at anytime, which violates your privacy."

"It puts a lot of people in your business."

"Sometimes I spend more time on computers than playing sports, and it makes me lazy."

Share positive peer advice: How does technology impact society? How would you help society be different if you had total access to technology?

"It is something that everyone uses, and wants, it gives young kids something to do - like an after school program."

"It's bad for identity fraud, good for catching criminals."

"Twitter, big news."

Illustrate Your Thinking

Technology is helpful
 Technology is good.
 Every single time you search
 You find something new.
 Even when you down
 Don't have a frown.
 Hop on the computer
 And search something now.
 And God's always watching
 So don't be a clown.

Technology is great although
 It plays a neutral role in society.

We use it to communicate.

It connects us to people far away.

We learn new things about technology every
 day.

Negative effects are drama, distractions,
 brainwash, not always reliable.

Positive effects are new ideas, ads, enterprises,
 entertainment.

Technology is great and it
 Plays a big role.

Not in just society but also
 In a household.

It can be good or bad,
 New things you never had.

Entertainment, new ideas,
 Enterprises, as well as ads.

From facebook to twitter

Which we use to communicate

Also to instagram which we

All can relate.

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