

## **Assignment #1: Technology Autobiography**

---

*Upward Bound/Summer 2007/Erin Dietel-McLaughlin*

**Directions:** Write an essay of about 500 words that describes your experiences with technology up to this point in your life.

The purpose of this assignment is to inform me (and other readers) about your experiences and interactions with technology. Remember: a technology doesn't always have to be a computer – cell phones, MP3 players, video games, radios, televisions, VCRs, typewriters....these all count as technology!

You may use first-person "I" in this essay. You may write your story chronological order, or you may choose to take a different approach – whatever works best for your story is fine. Here are some questions to get you started (you do not need to answer all of these):

- What stories can you tell about when, where, how you first came in contact with computers or another technology? Where did this take place? How old were you? Were you excited? Confused? Scared? Who helped? How much access did you have to a computer per day/week/month?
- What kinds of technologies do you or your family own now? Do you own a computer? If so, please describe it.
- Do you use computers or other kinds of technology at school? What do you use them for? Do you listen to CDs? Surf the Web for research projects? Utilize instant-messaging? Play educational video games?
- What are your favorite kinds of activities to do on the computer or with another technology? Please explain.
- Overall, how comfortable do you feel when using new technology? What technologies do you like the best? Which do you like the least? Which would you like to learn more about?
- A computer is like \_\_\_\_\_. (Then elaborate)
- A computer is \_\_\_\_\_. (Then elaborate)

**Part Two:** Find a picture or two online that you feel represents you and your relationship to technology. Include the image(s) with your technology autobiography blog posting.