

## Final Research Project Part IV Final Research Paper Prompt

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### **Details:**

7 pages

Typed, double-spaced

MLA style for in-text citations and Works Cited page

Must use at least the six sources from your annotated bib, which includes: 2 scholarly articles, 2 news articles, your book-length text, and one source of your choosing

Due: in your final portfolio

Include cover sheet on top

### **Prompt:**

This paper will build on your Wikipedia article, in which you were supposed to lay out a “neutral” perspective of your chosen topic. Taking into account the variety of information and arguments you found regarding your research topic, write a paper in which you develop your own argument about how your chosen medium or app impacts society or human rights.

### **Tips:**

--In your Wikipedia article, you were supposed to report the various controversies surrounding your topic. As you write your argumentative paper, try to account for all sides of the controversy. This means you should include the counter-arguments (arguments that go against your own position) you found in your research and try to respond to them.

--Your Wikipedia article likely contained a lot of details of the history and development of your chosen medium. For your final paper, you can assume that your reader has a general familiarity with your medium. Therefore, **you do not need to include as detailed a description of the history of your medium or how it works.** You should only include as much detail as you think necessary for your reader to understand your argument.

--Make sure you have a good balance of statistics and analysis. This means that you should include 1) some numbers or studies about things like: usage, impact, affect on the brain, affect on study habits, or whatever relates to your research question, and 2) analysis, or “big picture” arguments about all this all means for education in general.

--Remember the ethics of citation: you need to give credit to others for their ideas, and you need to demonstrate good command of your sources to show your authority. Therefore, in addition to using parenthetical citations for all your direct quotes, be sure you also cite any ideas that you summarized or paraphrased.

--Remember to lead in to all direct quotes and comment on their significance afterward.