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Since the beginning of time, man has searched for sources of entertainment and ways to spend time. The earliest games included grass bowling and chess. In England, they played cricket, and cards are played worldwide. Yet we still strive for new forms of entertainment.

Eventually we developed computers and began an endless adventure. From computers gaming systems were created with simple low impact graphics. Atari, Nintendo, Super Nintendo, and Sega were among the first systems created. From these milestone systems a new era was initiated that brought about the new systems: Playstation 2, X-BOX, and Game Cube.

Playstation 2 gives explosive graphics that boggle the mind and give the feeling that you are actually in the game. Microsoft's X-BOX has also amazed gamers, providing extremely life-like gaming and pushing animated graphics to the limit. Nintendo's Game Cube, even though not rated as the most graphic gaming system, gives us a new gaming reality and provides hours of non-stop play time. These systems are predicted to grow larger and spawn other games. Though we may fear their retirement, there is always a guaranteed rebirth of a new and more promising system.

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From the creation of fire and the wheel we have searched for technology to lessen our workload. Technology has become an endless journey.

As man began his fight for survival several breakthroughs have emerged. The horse and plow have evolved into huge tractors. Messengers have been replaced with telephones and the Internet. Instead of lighting a candle for light, we flip a switch. War has even changed from gridiron troop warfare to computer guided missiles controlled from our country or ship. H.G. Wells wrote fantastic stories of space exploration. Now, space shuttles go up on a regular basis. People spend weeks on a space station. Unmanned probes explore deep space.

It seems everyday we become more and more lazy, and are given new technology to feed this laziness. Eventually it seems we will have nothing to do but press a button or click a mouse to survive. Let us not forget that it is not the computer that does the work, it is our hands and minds that give the function and these lifeless tools a point of existence.

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