



## The Future is Bright

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One thing is irrevocably certain: technology is advancing civilization in unbelievable ways. The realms of medicine, communication, and travel, have been graced with revolutionary ideas and inventions. But most presently, society has trekked the terrain of consumerism.

Smartphones, E-books, High-speed internet, and iPods are conquering the current trends of the world and will, without a doubt, continue to advance. Alongside these

advancements, there are uncertain thoughts regarding the future of written works and their creators. But, the fact that past literary works are incorporated into every aspect of a student's education and human culture, their applicability to the lives of society ensures that they will remain timeless.

For generations, society has thrived and learned from the lessons that past writers sufficiently supplied through their various literary works. On behalf of this reason alone, society's educators have used the works of scientists, physicists, historians, philosophers, and writers to convey information and lessons to the reader. Essentially, educational and personal growth result in the lives of the reader. Without this growth, the development of humanity and even technology itself can potentially reach a dead end. Learning about history, preserves it. The current trends of technology will never replace history, and the lessons it has to offer. For example, the New Testament of The Bible has been preserved for over 2,000 years and is continuously referenced more than any other book in the world. This literary work will surely outlive the technology present today because its applicability is timeless; it has remained in existence despite the computer screens and E-books. As a writer myself, technology will certainly affect how my words reach others physically, but emotionally and idealistically the message of the words will remain forever purposeful. The character enriching ideals and instructions that I have encountered and received from written works have taught me more than one can possibly imagine. My life has brought me down roads of tribulation, but I battled these challenges with knowledge and esteem I have gathered from works along the way. Through the lessons I have learned during the obstacles I have faced in my life, I plan to spread what I have discovered to future generations like the many writers before me. Whether that knowledge is spread through digital screens or not, written works will everlastingly encompass the originations of lessons learned and even, entertainment.

For television shows, songs, movies, plays, books, and various other forms of entertainment to originate, someone had to first come up with the idea – someone had to write them. The majority of

these entertainment sources are drawn from written works, history that is preserved through these works, and the new ideas that past works have provoked. Without written works in the past and future, does the entertainment supplied through technology cease to exist, too? The written works that comprise books, plays, scripts, and other creative writing forms, are the basis of entertainment. In the essay "Walking," Henry David Thoreau once said "In literature it is only the wild that attracts us...It is the uncivilized free and wild thinking in Hamlet and The Iliad, in all scriptures and mythologies...that delights us." Written works will always make sure their lessons and entertainment are applicable through books, other modes of entertainment, and new forms of technology. As a writer, not only do I want my readers to take away something purposeful to apply in their lives, but also I want them to be entertained. Humanity will never cease to desire entertainment; therefore, the current trend of technology will not hinder my life as a future contributor to the writing world.

As written works offer endless advantages to society, it is important to remember that they also contribute to the growing trends seen today. Just as technology advances, writing does as well; everything moves forward. But, as life progresses leaving old telephones in desk drawers and CD players in yard sales, written works will be the one thing that continues on when older technology is set on the wayside. In the words of Socrates, literary works will always be here to supply advice like "employ your time in improving yourself by other men's writings so that you shall come easily by what others have labored hard for." Like the words of a Greek philosopher, who lived "before Christ," written works that supply important lessons, information, and stories will never be forgotten, either. They will live on, when the majority of old technology, will not.

Despite the current trends of generations diving deeper into technology, the future is still bright for past and future writers. As long as influential writers are constantly spreading their life lessons, experiences, and imagination throughout the world, society will always have something to learn and take away from literary pieces—something that may not be found within technology itself. Due to the fact that the world's current trends will not hinder my future as a writer, I am confident in my ability to channel my emotions and passions in writing. Wild imagination and creative spirit cannot be replaced by technology. I plan to apply my wild imagination, creative spirit, and new "thinking" to my written works in order to set new current trends myself—the future is bright.

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