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Social Studies  
John Collins Writing Assignment  
Persuasive Essay

FCAs  
Thesis Statement 30%  
Four Paragraphs 40%  
Examples and reasons to support your choice 30%

After viewing the *PowerPoint* presentations and participating in the group discussion it is now your time to decide which you think is the invention that has had the greatest impact on society. Write a persuasive essay on the topic. In four paragraphs explain and defend your choice. Remember to write a thesis statement that includes the issue, position, and two reasons. Follow the persuasive essay outline.

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## Persuasive Essay Outline

### Paragraph One

#### **Introduction**

- Get the reader's attention by asking a leading question; relay something enticing about the subject in a manner that commands attention. Start with a related quote, alluring description, or narration.
- State the thesis (issue, position, and two reasons).

### Paragraph Two

#### **Body**

- First reason
- Supporting evidence (facts, statistics, details, examples)

## Paragraph Three

### **Body**

- Second reason
- Supporting evidence (facts, statistics, details, examples)

## Paragraph Four

### **Conclusion**

- Reemphasize your thesis in a fresh way, showing how you have achieved your purpose.
- Deal with opposing views
- Appeal to the reader to see how you have come to a logical conclusion.
- Make a memorable final statement