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Comparative essay

“Positive and negative aspects of technology”

One example of technology which both helps us and harms us is the airplane. On the one hand, the airplane helps people get from place to place very quickly; much more quickly than train, car, or bus. Furthermore, airplane tickets are relatively inexpensive and therefore it is affordable to travel by plane. Thanks to this invention, people have become more connected and can encounter new cultures and ideas more easily than in the past.

On the other hand, the airplane can also be used for many negative purposes. For instance, since the invention of the airplane, it has been used to fight wars. Since World War II especially, bombers have dropped bombs against cities around the world, killing many civilians as a result. The most extreme case of this has likely been the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

As the example of the airplane demonstrates, technology has both positive and negative aspects. Therefore, we must carefully consider new inventions and their uses, as well as the possible ways in which they may both help and harm us.