

Paul's first FAME essay organizer

Introduction (could be an anecdote, quote, question, or bold statement) You'll introduce your thesis after this brief opening (<u>All 3 subtopics must be mentioned in thesis and it must be underlined.</u>)	Intro: What are the consequences of technology? Arthur C. Clark once said, "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic." To the peoples of Medieval France, there was probably little difference between technology and magic. Thesis: <u>In Medieval France, the consequences of technology were the beginning of the end of the feudal system, huge growth in trade, and the beginning of a humanistic view of the world.</u>
Body Paragraph #1	Topic Sentence: New tools such as the compass and astrolabe allowed people to leave their homes and return again. Support (Evidence/Explanation): 1. Compass from China via the Silk Road 2. Building techniques such as the flying buttress helped make France a leader in Gothic architecture. 3. Established laws that had been missing since Roman times
Body Paragraph #2	Topic Sentence: Technology brought about a huge growth in trade Support (Evidence/Explanation): 1. Arab traders sent Crusaders home with new knowledge and tools that changed people's views of the world. 2. "The Orient is the vestibule of paradise." 3. Trade brought spices to France in exchange for wheat.
Body Paragraph #3	Topic Sentence: The printing press made the pen mightier than the sword. Support (Evidence/Explanation): 1. Ideas spread faster than people on horseback 2. People focused more on the human and less on the divine 3. Wove humanistic ideals into daily life
Conclusion (remind reader of your point of view; summarizes main point w/out being	Topic sentence: Consequences of technology in Medieval France were overwhelmingly positive.

repetitive; ends on upswing/spicy final touch)	Review main points: end of the Feudal system, growth of trade, and infusion of humanism. Final sentence: Just as in today's world, the consequences of technology mean people are able to connect with one another in ways that make the world smaller and more personal.
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