

Webcity: Steps

1. Compare the Internet to an ever evolving cyber-city.
 - a. Points:
 - i. It runs in the background of everyday life.
 - ii. Users are able to visit and leave any time, as long as resources to travel to the city are accessible.
 - iii. The cyber-city is occupied by so many users that, even if you decide to permanently leave, it would have close to no impact.
2. Become faced with the conflicting feeling of wanting to abandon the city and its social stresses, despite the benefits and convenience that are provided.
 - a. Personal benefits
 - i. Relief from social stresses that come with social media.
 - ii. More room in one's mind to think and experience life organically.
 - b. Drawbacks
 - i. Inconvenience in connecting with friends and family that are not of immediate proximity.
 - ii. Loss of knowledge in online trends such as memes.
 1. Inability to understand references made by acquaintances of younger age ranges.
 2. Need to explain your lack of Internet usage.
 3. Slight sense of disconnect.
 - iii. Inconvenience as technology and society becomes more and more centered around the web.
3. Be constantly reminded of the difference in lifestyles with or without Internet usage.
4. Become tempted to peek back into the city to see its development since the last time you have openly interacted with it.
5. Decide to either maintain or break your streak in cutting off voluntary use of the Internet.