

Abstract

Just like many, I'm sure that technology has impacted my life greatly for the better since I was a child without even realizing. Reading my paper today you will read about my earliest memories and struggles as a young child of reading and writing and the challenges that came with them. I will also be telling you about my transition from one country to the other and how I adjusted to the new environment with the many influences that came with it and how I adapted to it all.

When I think about my prior knowledge of reading and writing the first thing I remember is kindergarten. It was the first day of school and my mom had dropped me off and the teacher asked after talking to my mom a bit, What's your name? And because I was born with blondish brown hair most of my family members called me blonde, and that is the name I always knew. So I answered the teacher, she looked at me for a couple of seconds and said no that's not the name your mother gave you, your name is simmone. I was upset that day one because I felt betrayed by my whole family that they never told me what my read name was and two I had the longest name in the class, Others had names like Deon, Ava and so on which took me some time to completely learn how to write without looking at it. Most people I know are primarily oral people. But my mother is the most oral person I know. My mother would meet someone and have a conversation like they've been friends for years. Not knowing my mother and hearing her talk, you would think that she's highly educated, she speaks as though she went to 3 universities.

Although we all know speech is required within this world, I will say it's not my favorite thing. I will do it when necessary, I say things because throughout my years I realize that I have bad memory so speech just doesn't do it for me, within a couple of minutes those sentences will be gone from my head unlike writing. When I'm writing I get to express my inner thought without fear it allows you to be free. When I write I feel a sense of accomplishment and being that I can always go back to that and see most things that I did in the past and how much I have grown in

my writing, it's truly great feeling. Growing up I was always by myself most of the times, I would play by myself. I wasn't really allowed to watch television as much so I would make up stories in my head or read, with reading it was like my own imagination coming to life and I'm watching the movie play out in my head so in a sense it was like watching TV it was the closest thing I had to TV so with school I learned how to sound out words and phonics in school and with many little workbooks my mother bought me and with that I would practice my reading the actual books. Writing this brings me back to class reading "The Arts of Contact Zone" because the author talks about contact zones which I came to learn is the social space that cultures can either meet or clash, I say I'm reminded of the reading because when I grew up in a different country, I wasn't doing many things as many in another country but as I came to this country I began to do things different and kind of went along with many things that I saw in this country. As I got older, my mother would have me read books and make me do a book report on them and of course I hated it because the books that she made me read were not books of my own personal interest. Most times I would just read the back of the book and take the author's blurb and add a couple of my own words to that book report to make it seem like I was reading and of course my mother knew exactly what I was doing. After telling her these books are boring she made me go to the library and had me pick my own book that I might find interesting in. Doing this I found my interest in books, which was mostly fantasy, mystery, romance and action.

When growing up my parents were strict about literacy. My mother would always say reading and writing will always be a part of my life. She says that reading will always build your vocabulary, because that's where you would most likely find new words. From time to time when I would read she would make me write down all the words I don't know or haven't seen before and after the reading I would have to look it up in the dictionary and write down the meaning of

those words. Still to this day I do that same thing because in most articles and reading if there's a word you don't know it takes away from the message the author is trying to put out, and when you find the meaning of those words the you can clearly understand the true meaning the author is trying to bring across. I Don't go out much, I mostly go to school, work and go home so most time the only place I read or write is home. There have been a couple times where I have taken a books to work to read on my break, I just end up not reading or being distracted, same for homework it just never gets done. I like to be by myself in my own without distraction. Growing up in the caribbean tv did not really play much of a role in my childhood and neither did music . I spent most of my time outside.

In life most things change, and as we know technology has a pattern of changing very often. And as we grow and technology grows as well, depending on the age we are we tend to follow the latest and the newest, which is how I began to use digital and leave the analog. While growing up there were a couple of gadgets that I still remember some of these were mp3 player ,blackberry and there was a sony tv, these are the views I remember because like I said before I was outside most of my childhood so I mostly played with marbles and dolls and used my imagination. Like most people, you get trapped into technology. With all the social media apps like facebook and instagram youtube and more you tend to forget how you grew up and get sucked up in the word of technology .Being in the world people influence does alot without many people even realizing. Everywhere we go now technology is included such as school, church, home, and work and without you realizing you are being influence. Influence is important because when you are influenced you slowly tend to bring those things with your everyday life you get used to it slowly.

Some people will not have the same love for technology as others, while someone would adore technology and believe in a simpler life others may not. There are some technology that I believe that we will still need in the future moving forward which I believe is light, phone, stove etc. And writing is also an important thing that will be in the future, which goes hand in hand with each other. These two compliment each other because although many things die out these two will always be here. These two complement each other, when technology upgrades so does the writing, the writing style. Technology makes writing easier in every way possible, for instance when the typewriter was invented that was technology making writing easier then came the computer which again also made writing easier. Going back to what I said before about me looking up the definition for words I do not know, when the computer was invented you can now right and look for definition all at once without having to go through a dictionary, or different apps that are designed for writing that while you type it offers you corrections to improve your writing like in the reading "The message is the medium" which the author tries to make the readers understand that the world changes and evolves and most people have a choice and that the changes make them feel connected.