

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016: Notes from LA class:**

I think we will be studying...**Learning about technologies that improve society and meet a society's needs.**

**From the artifacts we looked at in class:**

Inventions that were invented in the 1800's

Across time

Science

Some sort of inventions

Visionary – someone who sees what they can do and knows it will be beneficial (good for people)

**Some thoughts from our discussions:**

Safer if there were a world congress to evaluate invention

How do we know if it will be a good or bad invention?

Some inventions don't really make an impact.

## I can write a Short Answer Response:

What is it?

It has 3 parts:

1. **Statement** – has an opinion
2. **Evidence** – from text (photo, writing, book, quote)
3. **Explain yourself** – connect the evidence to your statement.

What do you put in a short answer response?

### Example 1:

I think all students should wear purple to class every day. In the story, Wisdom, by Amanda Hocking, Bobby says, “Yeah, but they're PURPLE pants,” Bobby said as if that made some kind of distinction. “Hence, I'm awesome.” In this quote, Bobby shows that he understands the importance of the color purple in clothing. So this makes me think that all students should wear purple clothes.

### Example 2:

- A miner would be a good mascot selection for our school. According to Fred Willman in *Why Mascots Have Tales*, mascots should be strong or tough and represent the area. They should be something people would be proud to be. Our area has mining as one of its big industries, so the choice would represent our area. In addition, miners need to be tough because they do difficult work—and dangerous work. They work hard to fill a need for people everywhere. That’s something to be proud of.

### Example 3:

Genre: The book, Counting on Grace by Elizabeth Winthrop, is a historical fiction. On the back cover, the year is stated as 1910, in North Pownal, Vermont. Another piece of evidence is the amount of money children are making when they work in the mill, which is “two and a half dollars a week” according to Grace on page 9. This makes me think that this story is set in the past, as the current hourly wage in the United States is about \$9.00 an hour. Since this tells a story about a girl and her family as they struggle to work in the mill, it makes me think that the story is fiction rather than fact, and so fits into the genre of historical fiction.

## Vocabulary Booklet: Do all four words

1. **artifact**: noun
2. **technology**: noun
3. **society**: noun
4. **beneficial**: adjective

For each word: please

- Define the word
- Choose the part of speech
- Write the synonym or opposite (antonym)
- Use the word correctly in a sentence – read the sentence to someone older than you that can tell if it makes sense for the part of speech.
- Draw a picture that matches the part of speech.