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**First Article Assignment**

RW Tech

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**Goal: Understand** how to find important information about **new technology** and critically **evaluate** it.

**Process:** Choose an article from the classroom media provided, **read** the article for understanding, and **respond in writing** to the most important aspects of the article.

**Your Response:** Use the organizational strategy below to help you find the most important pieces of information. Then, on the back of this paper, write a three paragraph response explaining: what specific technology the article was about, what makes this technology unique, new, useful, helpful, or entertaining in general, and finally evaluate if you find this technology personally interesting or useful, and why you feel this way.

**Organizing** – think about the following, and ask yourself these questions:

A) Identify the main subject of this article. Ask yourself: is it a person, process, machine, etc.?

B) List what aspects of this technology make it worth writing or reading about. Ask yourself: is it new, innovative, cleaner, more powerful, less expensive, taller, etc.?

C) Classify the different ways this technology could be used in the real world. Ask yourself: will it save lives or energy, make for faster travel, stronger buildings, lighter televisions, etc.?

D) Decide if this technology has personal use in your life, and why or why not. Ask yourself: would you like to own this technology, how much would you pay, should it be free, would you give it as a gift, would you criticize someone else for owning it, etc.?

