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Introduction

The three decades that were chosen for analysis are 1950s-1960s, 1980s-1990s, and 2000s-2010s. These three decades were chosen because within each of these three decades, there were significant changes in the development of new technological devices or the creation of an invention that has shaped the way in which individuals and society are today.

During Decade one, the first credit card took place, along with the first computer hard disk. In Decade two, the invention of the first portable computer came along with the invention of the World Wide Web. Decade three sparked the revolution of more advances in technology such as the invention of more YouTube, Facebook, and the IPhone and the increased use of online tools for work and school.

Decade One Analysis

Decade one generated the invention of the first credit card. This was a major influence on technology as people did not have to just rely on cash; instead they had the advantage of using the credit card. Although stores had the store credit accounts, the invention of a card that could be used at more than one location was invented in 1950 (Rosenberg, 2011). The credit card helped for individuals to establish a way of life which compensated them when they did not have cash money.

Another invention that took place during this decade is the first hard disk drive. The first hard disk drive was introduced by IBM in September 1956 (http://www.cedmagic.com/history/ibm-305-ramac.html). This invention had a great impact on the continuous development of the computer system. Researchers were able to develop a way in which computer users could save their work or any other document to the hard disk of a computer system.

The six strands of Decade one all represent when technology was just beginning to impact the industry as a whole. The six strands all represent some type of invention or development that was the beginning of the tech savvy generations to come.

Decade Two

Decade two generated the development of the first portable computer. The first laptop computer was developed in 1981 (http://www.computerhope.com/issues/ch000984.htm). This decade was a great asset to the technology era. Many different types of technologies were being developed or they were either being enhanced in order to make the workplace or the education world better. The development of the World Wide Web is another advantage to technology. This advancement made it possible for people to view the Internet of certain components of the Internet. The World Wide Web was initially created in 1990 (http://www.nethistory.info/History%20of%20the%20Internet/web.html). From then until now, the World Wide Web has been a great asset to using the Internet for researching or searching purposes.

Within each of the strands from the years of Decade two, there was significant reliance of enhancing technology or making technology a commodity for everyday life. The devices or inventions that were created throughout the six strands all represent a decade where great changes have taken place and how the past developments from decades before have promoted ongoing changes to the new wave of technology developments.

Decade three was a decade of many changes. This decade brought about dramatic changes that have worked to shape the current economy and world today. Many inventions include YouTube, Facebook, and the IPhone. These are devices that have greatly influenced this decade. Facebook was a major advancement that was created in 2004 (http://www.xtimeline.com/timeline/Top-Inventions-of-2000-2010). This was a major communication enabler to everyone to be able to communicate with each other from around the world.

YouTube was another advancement that emerged in 2005 (http://www.xtimeline.com/timeline/Top-Inventions-of-2000-2010). The invention of YouTube has allowed individuals to be able to share ideas and videos with people worldwide. These are devices that have helped to shape our world today and will continue to shape the world throughout the future.

The IPhone was another advancement that brought about the new age of the cell phone. The IPhone was developed in 2007 (http://www.xtimeline.com/timeline/Top-Inventions-of-2000-2010). Cell phones are not only used for talking, but the IPhone brought much other advancement to cell phone usage such as Internet, viewing maps, music, and many other technology resources.

Each strand that relates to this decade relates heavily to the emergence of technology and the ability to compete in the tech savvy environment. The decades before have greatly enhanced the way that technology was viewed during this decade. These varieties of strands also represent how technology has become a process and continue to grow from decade to decade.

Conclusion

Overall, technology has made a major impact on the decades that were selected. Technology has helped to shape our world today in so many ways. Within each of the six strands, there was some type of development of a technology device that was used in order to better advance our society as a whole.

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