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Abigail Cichocki Week eleven Journal One Formal Writing Decline: Technology or Lack of Energy? Formal Letter writing has a rapid but steady decline, about 2% to 3% every year. Very few would argue that digital forms of communication are more practical.

Instead of anxiously waiting for a whole week to receive an answer, many would rather pick up the telephone and receive an answer within minutes. I have not encountered a single person who is not excited to get a letter in the mailbox. The feeling that someone went through the trouble of mailing it is surreal. Although technology may seem superior, handwriting letters have been shown to be therapeutic. The main cause of Formal writing decline is ever advancing technology.

A text message, depending on one's internet carrier, can take anywhere from 1-3 seconds. The text message can send whenever there is a millisecond of the internet. Smartphones have many features such as verbal commands, auto correction for misspelled words, artificial intelligence assistance, and putting in proper punctuation marks. This new generation is becoming dependent on these features making them less tempted to write letters to family or friends. A Call saves people time and money. An average millennial would only call if the message they are trying to convey is important. Doctors use a mixture of calls and formal paper mail a. k.

a " Snail Mail" to uphold their patient's confidentiality. A text is sent to internet towers while a call is not recorded at the stations. A paper message has the most discreetness because it is illegal to open someone's mail. No one but the receiver will be able to contain the information inside. In

In addition to telephones and landlines, the youth are being raised on other communication devices such as iPods, iPhones, and Kindles. iPods have the same functions as a normal smartphone except that it does not have cellular data. I consider my iPod my training phone, the same as I would consider a training toilet or picture books. iPads are more basic but their size makes it easier to handle for less coordinated hands.

Social media now has more features to allow widespread communication. It is in the middle, time-wise, of texts and calls. Social media is far more accessible and has money in mind. One could go to a library and talk to a family member for free on Facebook or Instagram. Without the use of cellular data, it proves to be the cheapest and fastest form of communication to date, snatching the title of Snail Mail murderer. Another cause of the decline is schooling. Most teachers in high school, even college and beyond have emails as their primary form of contact.

We are taught adults in charge want us to use the latest and the brightest in technology instead of old-fashioned forms. One of the effects of the decline of Snail mail is lost jobs. Less and fewer mail carriers are needed in the big city. Younger folks almost never send mail anymore. It is simple math, the less mail, the fewer mail carriers.

It is a deteriorating business. Neighborhood post offices are closing down due to the lack of letters. As a result, people are having to drive farther for a post office.

This creates more hassle than there already is, turning away customers. The entire United States Postal service is slow on money. This creates the payment options the government can't afford, creating yet another cause of the formal writing drought. Formal Letter writing has a hasty but reliable decline producing stress on the whole US postal system. Very few would argue that digital forms of communication are more practical. I have yet to encounter a person who is still not excited to get snail mail.

Technology has proved to be preferred form of communication.