Name Model

Topic Technology

Write a brief account of the class conversation about the topic, describing what you know at this point about some of its aspects:

Today we read and discussed the "History of Social Networking" by Gordon Goble. We talked about the changes in technology and programming that changed people's minds about using computers to communicate. It's interesting how almost everyone uses social networking, but in the beginning people didn't because it was slow and you could only send text. We discussed the positives and negatives. We also started to discuss why some social networking sites are more popular than others.

POTENTIAL AREA OF INVESTIGATION 1

In a few words, describe an area within the topic that you would like to know more about:

In the article it says that there are social media sites that are all about work. I would like to know more about the work side of social media.

Explain why you are interested in this area of the topic:

I only use Facebook and Twitter to keep up with my friends and popular culture. During the discussion, some said that social media is a distraction. I wonder what it looks like to use social media sites liked LinkedIn for work or serious purposes.

Express your potential area of investigation as a question or problem:

Is social media more of a distraction or can it be a productive work forum?

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POTENTIAL AREA OF INVESTIGATION 2	POTENTIAL AREA OF INVESTIGATION 3	POTENTIAL AREA OF INVESTIGATION 4
In a few words, describe what you would like to know more about within the topic:	**In a few words, describe what you would like to know more about within the topic:**	**In a few words, describe what you would like to know more about within the topic:**
With so many changes in social networking over such a short amount of time, I would like to know what sites will look like in the next few years, and if that's even something we can figure out or predict like Goble does.	It seems like sites succeed and some fail. I would like to know more about why sites like Facebook and Twitter got to be so influential, and why others didn't even make it.	I want to know more about why people need to have social networking in the first place, and what kind of effect it has on the types of relationships we have now.
Explain why you are interested in this:	**Explain why you are interested in this:**	**Explain why you are interested in this:**
It seems hard to believe that the sites and services I use will get better. The videos and games are all pretty amazing at this point, and I can already talk to pretty much anyone I want at any time.	Reading about all of the different social networking sites and talking about how the first social networks were text only was really interesting to me. I had never thought about the evolution of these services.	The reading and class discussion made me think about how social networking might have changed how we communicate - a sort of before and after thing. I wonder if it's changed the way we actually communicate and relate to each other.
Express your potential area of investigation as a question or problem:	**Express your potential area of investigation as a question or problem:**	**Express your potential area of investigation as a question or problem:**
What is the future of social networking?	What parts of social media have survived over time? Which have changed?	How does social networking change our relationships?

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