

Econ Essay Spring 2016-2017 Due: 26 May 2017

Robots: Will robots be doing your job in 2027?

The world is evolving at a rapid pace, and advances in computer and robotics technology are amazing. Based on past events though, this is not necessarily a good thing for the average worker. While technology makes our lives easier/better (for the most part), robots and computers also replace workers. Going back to the beginnings of the industrial revolution, machines have been replacing people in jobs. While more jobs have been created, it is always a disruptive element, and many people never are able to transition to the newer economy and are left behind. The question for this essay is, "To what extent will robots replace humans in the workforce of 2027, and does this mean mass unemployment? How will we adjust to the future, or are the machines taking over?"

Sample outline

- I. Introduction
  - a. Opening paragraph (Story, news, anecdote, prep the reader for the topic)
    - i. Thesis (your answer to the question)
- II. Main Body
  - a. History of robots in the workforce
  - b. What will new robots be able to do
    - i. Will they be able to duplicate any function?
    - ii. Will robots be able to do "white collar" work?
    - iii. Will robots become more human?
  - c. How will robots in the workforce affect:
    - i. People pay
    - ii. People benefits
    - iii. Types of jobs people will do versus types of jobs robots will do
    - iv. Unemployment
    - v. Job training
    - vi. College requirements
    - vii. The community
    - viii. Social work
    - ix. Laws in society
    - x. Capitalism? Communism? Socialism? Robotism?
  - d. Will a robot be your boss?
  - e. Who will own/control the robots?
  - f. Will we merge with the robots?
  - g. Will robots be equal
  - h. Will robots be blamed?
    - i. Violence against robots
- III. Conclusion
  - a. Summary of essay

1. Make sure to include citations every time you use a statement or an idea from the readings that I have provided, or that you found in your own independent research. Use APA citation notation (found on website). Using others work without providing proper citation is plagiarism and grounds for immediate failure on this essay.

2. Papers should be 6-8 pages in length in Times New Roman or Ariel 12 point font, double spaced, pages numbered, cover page optional, references on last page (as per APA notation), 1 inch borders on top/bottom and left/right, stapled (no covers or binders). Be sure to include name and period.

3. Please type all work on a computer.