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THESIS

Technology is not simply a result of production instead, technology is a form of creation.

MAIN POINTS

"Technology" comes from the root "techne" meaning "skill" or "art." Technology is used to create something new. Therefore, technology is not the end result of production; technology is the process through which what was hidden becomes revealed. Truth is the uncovering of things. By utilizing technology, new things are uncovered and truth emerges. Poetry's purpose is also to reveal.

CONCLUSIONS

The main purpose of both technology and poetry is to uncover and bring about truth. In this manner, technology is a type of poetry.

EVALUATION

Technology can be brought about through production, but technology is not production. Technology allows us to see what we could not before realize. In this manner, I can agree that technology's purpose is to teach truth. A new microscope offers us a look into the reality of subatomic particles. These tiny particles existed before human eyes could view them, yet the microscope brought them into our reality. By teaching us a greater understanding of our external world, the microscope is no longer just the pieces of material used to produce it but is, itself, a technological tool.

Poetry's purpose is to enable the reader/listener to view the world more clearly. When on stage at a poetry slam, I know my piece has performed its duty if just one listener feels they received a truer vision of life through my words. Poetry strips life down to the truest bones. In this manner, technology and poetry both serve the same purpose.