



Getting Organized

This is the first draft of any piece of writing. It is often best to double space drafts. It gives both the writer and the peer or teacher space in which to make specific comments.

A Rough Draft

The following is a sample rough draft written by a student on a theme from the science fiction short story: "The Pedestrian" by Ray Bradbury. The teacher's comments are inserted.

Avoid using 1st person

Short story titles need caps and quotations

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No 1st person. Try to appear objective

(was) singular subject

Personal references weaken argument

1st person plural works here as a reference to all of society

I think that the theme of the pedestrian is that we, as a human species, shouldn't let technology rule the world or we will miss out on something better. In the story of the pedestrian, all the humans were sitting inside of their houses watching televison. Not one other person, besides Leonard and Bob, were outside walking around. To me this shows a sense of laziness and reveals the fact that the species just gave up. I believe that the people in the story are representing what will happen to us if we let technology run everything for us. We, as a society, are already headed in this direction. We have machines that do our banking for us and computers are taking over our jobs. If we're not careful, our world will end up like the one in "The Pedestrian", letting computers rule the world.

Can you make this final important idea ("letting computers...") stronger by creating a final short sentence using the idea?