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## **DIRECTIONS**

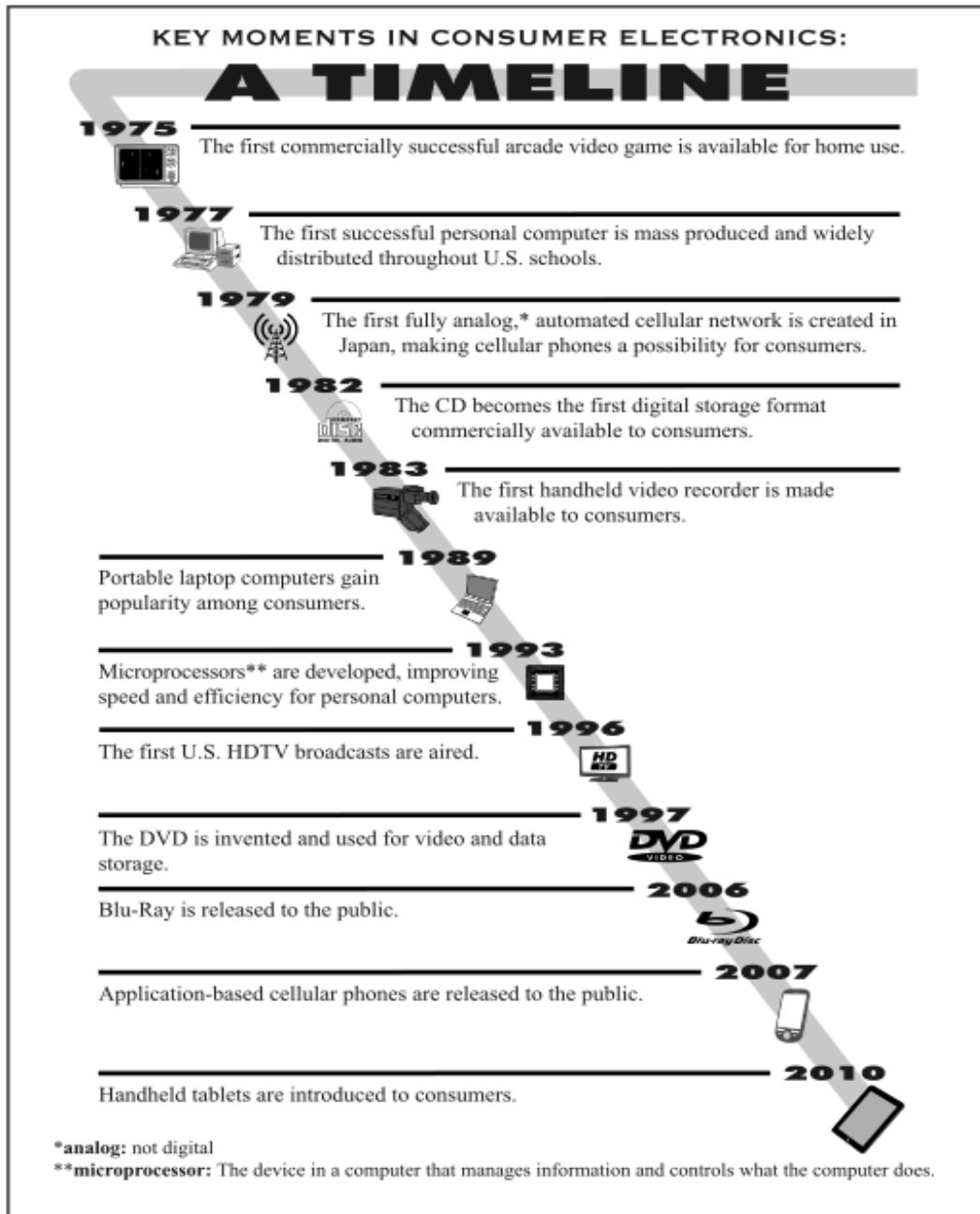
**In a few moments, you will see a passage(s) and a prompt. You are to plan and write an essay about the passage(s) according to the instructions provided in the prompt. This activity will show how well you write. Express your thoughts clearly and make your writing interesting to the reader. Your essay will be scored as a rough draft, but you should watch for careless errors.**

**Before writing, spend some time reading the passage(s), thinking about the prompt, and planning your thoughts.**

**WRITE ONLY ON THE PROMPT AND PASSAGE(S) YOU ARE GIVEN.**

**The time you have for writing is 60 minutes.**

The following graphic depicts a timeline of how communications technology has evolved.  
**Benefits of Technology**



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## Prompts

**READ THE WRITING PROMPTS CAREFULLY BEFORE CHOOSING ONE.**

Put a check mark  next to the box of the prompt that you choose.

### Technological Advancement

Put a check mark next to the prompt you choose!

Write an expository essay explaining the advancements of electronic technology in the past 38 years. Analyze the impact of technology on everyday lives and explore the effect it has had on one or more of the following: the economy, family values, and/or recreational choices. Draw evidence from the timeline as well as your own experience to support your analysis. Develop your topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, concrete details, or other information and examples. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English, capitalization, punctuation and spelling.

Write a narrative essay tracing the advancements of electronic technology. Draw evidence from the timeline to support your reflections. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context, and organize an event sequence that unfolds logically. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive detail, and sensory language to convey the events that shaped technological advancements. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English, capitalization, punctuation and spelling.

Write an argumentative essay in which you evaluate the benefits of the advance of communications technology on our society. Are we better off than we were 38 years ago? Or have some important forms and aspects of communication been lost in the process? Draw evidence from the passage to support your argument. Introduce your claims, and organize your evidence logically. Support your claims with logical reasoning and evidence. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English, capitalization, punctuation and spelling.