In Ray Bradbury’s short story, “The Veldt,” there is an underlying theme, or message, that a dependence on technology will not create the utopian society that many people believe in. The technology in this story is intended to make life easier; however, it causes more problems than it eases. This was written in the 1950s, when technology was not nearly as advanced as it is today. Write an essay that makes a case for or against Bradbury’s message. In other words, do you think that technology, today, adds to or takes away from the overall quality of life? Be sure to use specific examples to support your argument.

Thesis:

At the start of the Twenty-First-Century, technology has greatly improved our overall quality of life through medical, communication, and transportation advances.

At the start of the Twenty-First-Century, technology has been a destructive force causing extensive damage to the environment, multiple wars and social alienation.

When using a quote from the story, put it in context first, then put the quote in, then explain it.