

Graphic Organizer for Active Reading

All Watched Over by Machines of Loving Grace

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Imagination to the Rescue

Technology is changing so rapidly that sometimes it's hard to keep up with the changes. Do you ever wonder whether technology is going to take over, pushing human beings aside? Some people believe this will happen. Others disagree. In their minds, technology is simply a tool to make human life easier. Use the comparison-and-contrast chart below to examine the similarities between machines and human beings. In the first column, list four points of comparison. Then rate the performance of both machines and human beings on each point by writing specific details in the boxes. The first row has been filled in as an example.

Items Being Compared

Points of Comparison	Machines	Human Beings
storing and recalling information	Excellent—able to store large amount in an organized system and retrieve it quickly	Excellent—able to use the mind and memory; can also store and recall images mentally

1. Do you think that machines will someday take over all the work that people now do? Why or why not? _____

2. If machines did take over all human labor, how do you think people would spend their time?

How do you think they *should* spend it? _____
