Communications 11 Name:

**Media & Technology**

**Technology** can be defined as “things created by humans to make life easier, or to solve problems.”

**Media** can be defined as “the main means of mass communication (especially television, radio, newspapers, and the internet).”

**□ ACTIVITY #1:**

***Directions:*** *Read each of the following statements, then indicate your response by checking “I agree” or “I disagree.”*

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| **TECHNOLOGY** | **I agree** | **I disagree** |
| 1. Technological advances make life better for everyone. |  |  |
| 2. It is important for adults to find out what their children are doing online. |  |  |
| 3. Computer technology makes finding information faster and easier. |  |  |
| 4. If people let machines do too much for them, eventually people won’t be able to do things for themselves. |  |  |
| 5. Children should be given more freedom in deciding what they do online. |  |  |
| 6. It is dangerous to place too much faith in technology. |  |  |
| 7. It is impossible to become addicted to the internet or technology. |  |  |
| 8. Children who play computer games often believe that the violent games they play show life as it actually is. |  |  |
| 9. Most teenagers are online too much. |  |  |
| 10. Adults too often use technology as a babysitter for their children. |  |  |
| 11. Having the latest technology is important to success. |  |  |

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| **MEDIA** | **I agree** | **I disagree** |
| 1. TV, movies, internet, and radio are the best source of entertainment. |  |  |
| 2. The media pays too much attention to the personal lives of famous people. |  |  |
| 3. People are often stereotyped in the mass media (e.g. young people, elders, races, cultures, etc.) |  |  |
| 4. The media should be regulated by the government. |  |  |
| 5. The media (ads, news, TV, etc.) influences my decisions and opinions. |  |  |
| 6. News (TV/newspapers) is unbiased: they show facts and not opinion. |  |  |
| 7. Social media is an important part of my life. |  |  |
| 8. Social media is mostly used in a positive way. |  |  |

**□ ACTIVITY 2:** Write in your journal for 15-20 minutes. Choose one (or a few) of the survey statements, and explain why you agree or disagree. Make sure you write in complete sentences with proper capitalization and punctuation. ☺

**□ ACTIVITY 3:**

**Technology Brainstorm**

**Directions:**

**On a separate, blank piece of paper:**

* Create a brainstorm web (individually) with all of the technology that you are exposed to in your life.
* Share with a partner, and add more ideas to your web.
* Share and discuss as a class. Add more ideas to your web.
* Circle/highlight 15 items of technology that are **the most important to you**, or that **you are most connected with**.