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## Habits of mind and a new technology of freedom

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### Abstract

The open and free flow of information is crucial to the success of democracies. Equally important is the need for members of a democracy to communicate with other easily and frequently. Recent developments in this century in technology have not enhanced these needs of democracy on an individualistic basis, such as radio and television. With the development of networked computers and electronic mail, however, it has become possible for individuals to easily send and receive information and to communicate with colleagues anywhere and at any time. Electronic mail is a catalyst for the fundamental requirements of democracy, of information access and communication. With lowering costs for computers and networked connections, universal electronic mail will provide the means for many to enjoy the benefits of democracy envisioned centuries ago.

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 **Commentary on Lloyd Morrisett's theme of the written medium as a means to protect and enhance freedom in society.**

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Now, 6 years later, established new “habits of mind” animate a vibrant organizational learning environment, activated by information experiences and guided by systems practices that characterize the Informed Systems approach. Mental models changed from conceptions of “library as warehouse” to “library as learning space.” How did these habits of mind take moral reasoning away from the stone age of simply accepting the bias and cruelty of the past? First, there is taking the hypothetical seriously. They taught us to stride toward freedom with Martin Luther King and take seriously the “collateral damage” of killing foreigners in Vietnam and Iraq and Afghanistan. No general today would talk about “bombing the Vietnamese back to the stone age.” Habits of Mind are skills students need to be successful in school and in life! These colorful posters identify 14 habits of Mind. Great for life skill lessons and classroom displays. We post a new tip every Monday morning, so please check back each week or join our mailing list. We hope that you will use these short, practical suggestions and interesting bits of information to enhance your child's educational experience. Whether you are looking for a ... Habits of Mind and Their Connection to Formative Assessment. In our blog post, we make the connection of habits of mind to formative assessment practice in the classroom. Habits Inhabit the Subconscious Mind: Everything that you habitually do, say or think today, started off as a single action or thought which was repeated often enough until it was passed down to your subconscious mind where it became a habit. All habits reside at the level of your subconscious mind where you no longer have to consciously think about them. Therefore, changing habits permanent must involve programming and re-programming your unwanted negative beliefs at the subconscious level. By re-programming your beliefs at the subconscious level, you give yourself the freedom to create new habits that effortlessly add to your success and to eliminate those that don't. New technology has in some respects made life easier but there is an over abundance of devices that are simply a waste of time. Yet they create jobs which is a major goal of governments. Perhaps time has come to evaluate our way of life, with a return to basics that moves away from creating new products just to make more money for the few. Capitalism with its hunger for riches by making new things is proving to be a disease without a cure. Time for a cure perhaps? Regardless of the technology afforded us, the essence of mankind can only be changed through our own hearts and minds. Ian, Oshawa, Canada. Yes, of course the new technology has great impact on the lives of mankind every one wants first hand information, which the new technology is providing.