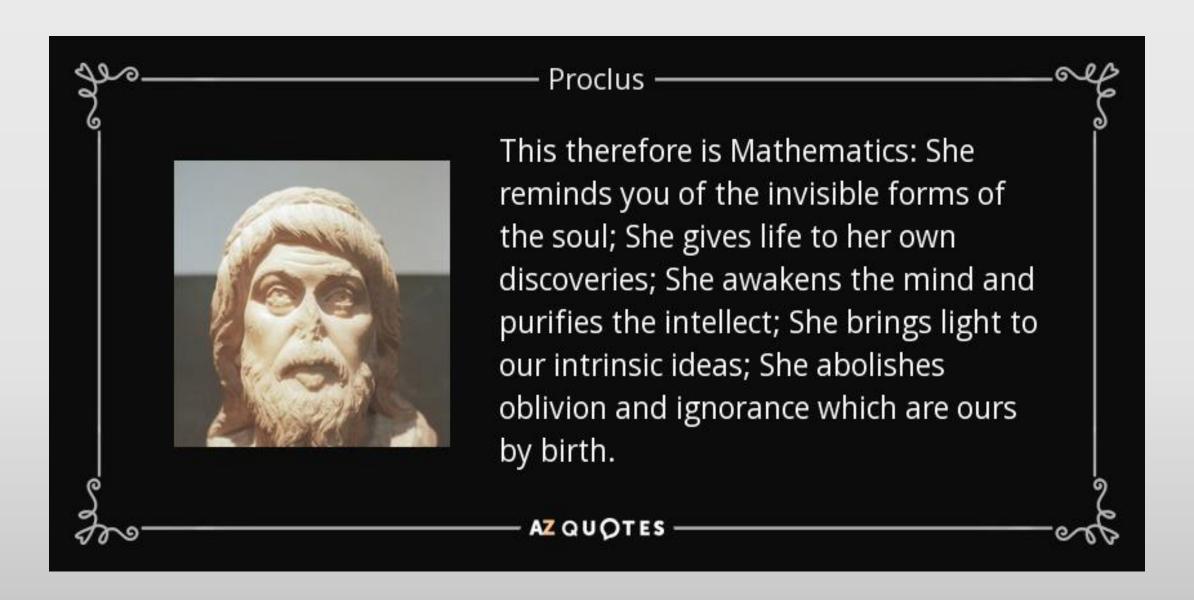
## UNIT 6 Journeys / Visions of the Future Independent Reading







Proclus was one of the most influential mathematicians of ancient times.

#### **SPEAK YOUR MIND**

Ask anyone to make a simple mathematical computation and you'll see more people whipping out a calculator than using their mind.

What would happen if technology became so advanced that people did not need to compute for themselves, and over time eventually forgot that there ever was a time when they did?

Take a minute to answer in the notebook.

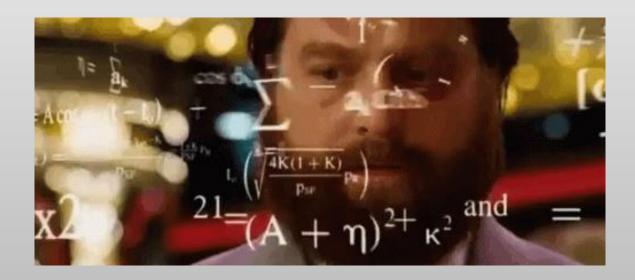


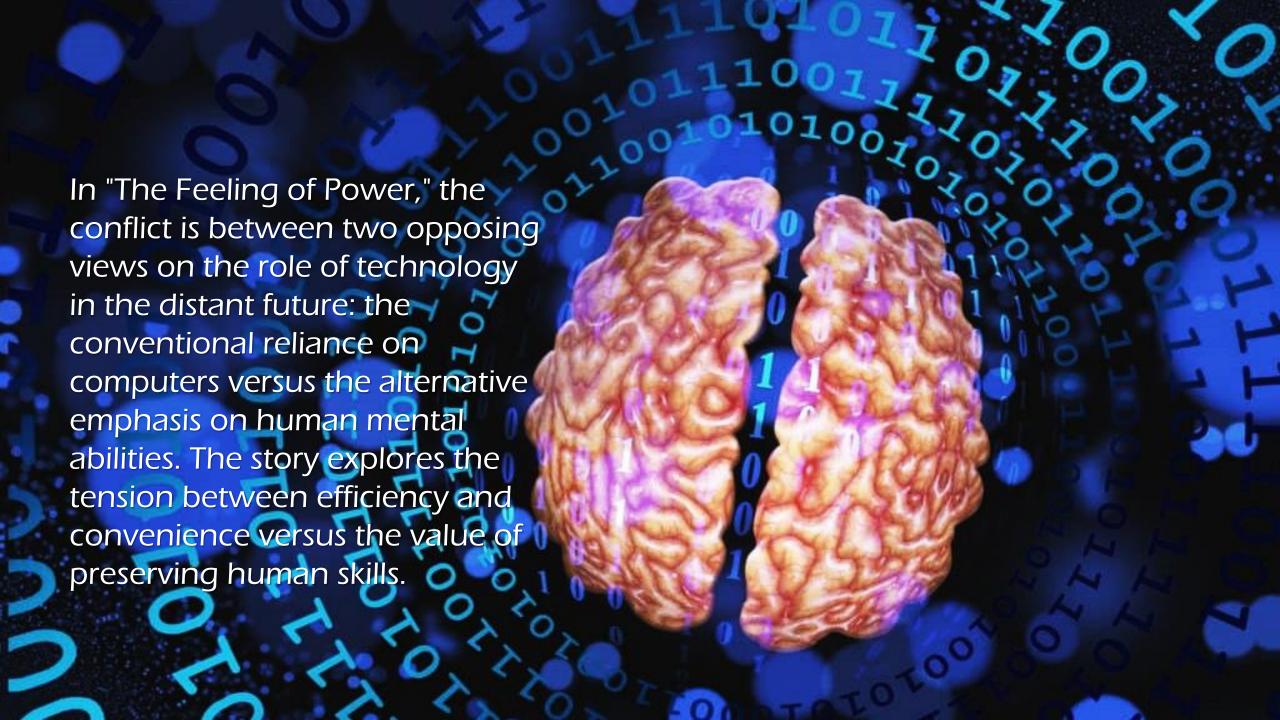
# **TECHNOLOGY'S IMPACT ON US**

Some argue that collectively, technology has made us smarter, more capable and more productive, by giving us eternal memory, where we can recall anything and learn from it, although it not made us wiser.

Others however state that it makes humans more lazy, dependent and stupid. Is technology good or bad for the brain? In addition to its negative effects on cognition, excess technology use is associated with a higher risk for depression and anxiety, and can make us feel isolated and overwhelmed.

Author Isaac Asimov was generally optimistic about the potential of technology, but he also recognized the dangers of over-reliance on it. He explored the unintended consequences of technology and emphasized the need for humans to exercise caution and responsibility in its development and use. Asimov believed that technology could solve many problems, but warned of the risks of becoming too dependent on it. Overall, his views on technology were complex and nuanced, reflecting both his optimism about its potential and his concern about its risks and unintended consequences.

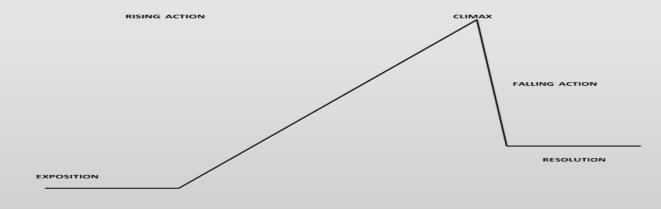




### **ASSESSMENT**

After reading the short story, complete these activities:

- 1. ANALYZE LITERATURE
  - Plot Write about the events that occur in each part of the plot of "The Test." Use the plot diagram to help you remember the function of each part.

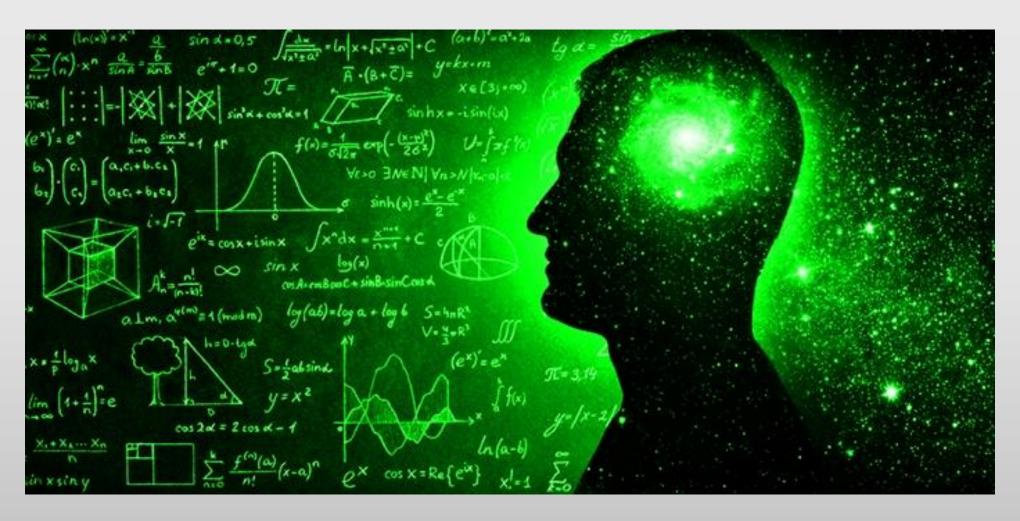


- 1. Exposition:
- 2. Rising Action:
- 3. Climax:\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Falling Action:\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Resolution:

#### 2. ANALYZE LITERATURE

Describe and Critique: Fiction - Describe the story "The Feeling of Power."
 Write the information to fill in this chart.

Title and Author:
Summary:
Which elements of fiction does the author use especially effectively?:
What is your opinion of the story? (What do you like and dislike about it? Why?):



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