FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY AS AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL AND PROCESS

TASK: Open Google and type in the following search term: Future of Technology Use in Schools. Choose one article. Take notes for 15 minutes...choose important concepts that you will share in class. What did your article say about how technology might address any or all of these potential problem areas?

1. American public schools need to better individualize learning and address varied learning styles.

2. American public schools need to emphasize feedback and mentoring to improve learning.

3. Every classroom regardless of discipline should focus on interactive learning and problem solving.

4. Lifelong learning and building learning skills should be the focus of public education.

5. Teachers must be current and up to date with both knowledge and skills within their respective disciplines.

6. Knowledge alone does not prepare students for college or the job market.

7. Learning cannot end at 3:30, the traditional end to the school day.

8. Technology costs continue to increase so that it is problematic for schools to offer the best of technology to students and teachers.

9. Schools cannot hope to stay abreast of emerging technologies.

10. The amount of information and web sites on the WWW is overwhelming and potentially misleading and dangerous to children.

11. Expectations for teachers are already overwhelming given new information, standards, and testing.

12. Some teachers are either unable or unwilling to use technology to promote learning.