



Weekly Newsletter

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What is Technology?

Recently, several sixth grade students were overheard arguing about technology. One student stated emphatically that technology was anything that had to do with computers. Another argued that anything electronic was technology. A third student made the point that anytime something new comes along people say it's a new technology. So, just what is technology? Seems that sixth-graders aren't the only ones who can't agree! A quick search for definitions of technology on the web revealed more than 25 variations:

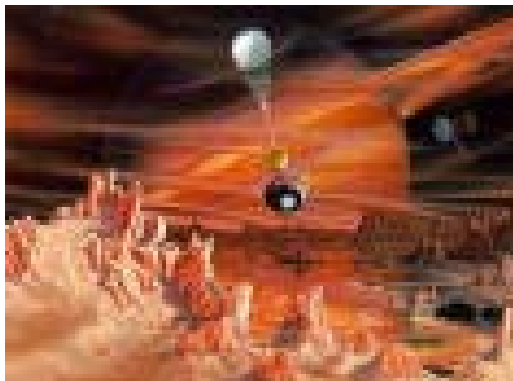
<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oi=defmore&q=define:technology>

The GK-12 program at UNCW would like to know how your students define technology. Please send their definitions to:

gkfellows@uncw.edu

We will post their responses in a future newsletter.

Technology (noun) - **the application of scientific knowledge...**



What's New in Space?

The Huygens space probe landed on Saturn's moon Titan this morning after a seven-year journey aboard the Cassini spacecraft. Scientists are interested in Titan because its chemistry is thought to be very similar to that of early Earth, before life formed. Visit some of the links below to find out more about this exciting mission.

Illuminating Links

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_science_and_technology

From the invention of fire to the creation of the first computer, a history survey.

http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/huygens_descent_comm_050114.html

Keep up with the results from the Huygen space probe.

<http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/home/index.cfm>

NASA site for the Cassini-Huygens space mission

<http://www.esa.int/esaCP/index.html>

The European Space Agency website.