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E-books vs. paper books

Paper books have always been around and have been a great way to pass the time, but is there a better, cheaper, more accessible option? Electronic books, or Ebooks are the new way to read. They are defined in the Cambridge dictionary as, “a book that is published in electronic form, for example on the Internet or on a disk, and not printed on paper.” These books have been around for a while and are starting to get more popular, with the rise of tablets and smartphones this will become the new way we read books.

Paper books have many costs attached to them like paper ink and all the supplies needed to mass produce these books, but with E-books the cost is cheaper because it is only an electronic file. This brings down the cost to make which will make more profits for the companies and in return the prices of Ebooks will go down. This will make them more appealing to buyers, you can also put many books on one device instead of carrying around many heavy books. This is great for travel, because you don't want to bring too many bags and you can have many books to read in one place for a long plane or car ride. The accessibility and low costs will attract many customers that paper books never got.

Many people with mental disabilities have a hard time reading, paper books can become very complex and make it hard to understand what the book is meaning to say.

E-books can fix this problem by using the technology to help the mentally disabled.

Many companies have been made to help these people with technology that can read the book out loud, and explain what the author is trying to say. One of these companies is DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System) , it is a device independent system which means it will work on many different devices not only one, and it can help the visually and mentally disabled love to read again. These systems can be used for not just the disabled, but for little kids also. When kids are young they love to hear stories, but most of the time this love helps them end up sitting in front of a television. This is bad for kids in many ways and if you use one of systems to have the book read aloud to them they can learn to use their imagination more and become more interested in reading. These new systems have changed the way some people view books and are now accessible for all.

There has been a debate for years about if schools should implement more technology in the form of E-books. There are many pros to this idea, but there is only one con which is how much this will cost the school systems to implement. There are many schools that have decided to take on this challenge, like the Lincoln school system. They have 56 k-12 schools and have proposed a 10 year \$50 million proposal. After the ten years it will take to gain full technology the school's expenses for getting new books will drop, because with E-books they are cheaper and you don't have to replace them with new books every few years. Many E-book companies have supported these schools like Amazon who has donated \$30 million to the New York public school system to start using technology in the classroom. The reason these pushes have been

made are because school leaders have said they want their kids to use more technology in the classroom. This was proven in a study where 52% of school leaders said they wanted to push and get more technology in the classroom. This technology may be expensive right now, but years down the road schools won't be having to pay for new expensive textbooks every few years.

The world we live in is changing to a more digital world, and Ebooks are going to be a part of that push. These books are cheaper, easier to access, good for people with disabilities, young kids can use them, and are better for the improving school system. These books are going to be a part of our lives that are becoming electronic. Amazon has come out with statistics that have shown that Ebook sales are higher than paper books. These books are the future of learning and have become better than paper books.

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