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## Trapped in the Metaverse

### A. Resources:

1 video on EdPuzzle

Articles on <https://www.mrflamm.com/ken.html>

### B. Explanatory Essay: 4 Paragraphs

**Paragraph 1:** Explain to an older audience what the Metaverse is. Include its history, its similar predecessors, its founder, its investors, and its necessary technology.

**Paragraph 2:** Explain the positives associated with the Metaverse. What are the three main positives that users will gain through spending time there?

**Paragraph 3:** What three negative outcomes should people be wary of? Discuss privacy and data. Discuss health outcomes. Argue against these negatives.

**Paragraph 4:** Explain to your *older* reader why the Metaverse should not be feared, but should be embraced. Put any fears to rest in this paragraph. Argue that your older audience should look at the Metaverse as a positive environment.

### C. Vocabulary - Briefly define the following terms:

1. collusion
2. oligarchy
3. totalitarianism
4. surveillance

**D. Questions:** Answer the following questions using **complete sentences**. Include any of these ideas that are relevant in your paragraphs, above.

5. What is your impression or opinion about the Metaverse?
6. Describe the personality of someone who would enjoy spending time in the metaverse?
7. What kinds of people would *not* enjoy spending time in the metaverse?
8. What are some of the negative physical outcomes from spending time in the metaverse?
9. Who is Mark Zuckerberg, and what kind of person is he? What motivates him?
10. What motivates companies to invest in virtual real estate?
11. Which things about the metaverse appear real?
12. Which things appear fake?
13. What are some other negative things associated with the metaverse?
14. What are some positive things about the metaverse?
15. Why would a *dystopian* society encourage people to spend time in the metaverse?
16. What type of society would have very few of its members spending time in the metaverse?

### **E. Your Responses from the video questions (last week):**

Some negative physical outcomes from spending the time in the metaverse could be your eyes being sore from staring at a screen for too long or your skull from wearing a uncomfortable headset.

Elon Musk asserts that we are already cyborgs because we are so intergrated into our phones and laptops that it becomes a extension of ourselves.

The type of people that are referred to as technocratic vultures are the capitalist Ceo's or High ups who benefit from stealing and tracking peoples data.