

# The Self-Driving Car

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the statements below about the self-driving car. Use them as a springboard to conduct some brief research about this new technology being developed by both Apple and Google. Then take a position on the topic based on what you have read. Identify three reasons that support your position, and decide how you will address opposing viewpoints. Then, on the back of this page, turn your notes into a paragraph. Use phrases and clauses to clarify the relationships between your assertion, opposing viewpoints, reasons and evidence. Underline the phrases and clauses.

1. Statistically speaking, the least reliable part of a car is the driver.
2. Thirty-three thousand people are killed in car accidents every year.
3. The better the technology of the self-driving car, the less reliable drivers will get.
4. At least once in every 100,000 miles, a human driver makes a mistake.
5. The driverless car makes 1,000 decisions in every mile driven.
6. Driverless cars are able to recognize and differentiate between different vehicles.

**YOUR POSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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